

US studying Indo-Soviet submarine deal

WASHINGTON, Jan 16. (AP): The US government is studying a leasing arrangement reached between India and the Soviet Union for a nuclear-powered submarine, the State Department said last night.

The Soviet news agency Tass announced last week that the Soviets, India's main weapons supplier, would lend the submarine to the Indians for training purposes.

"We are studying the implications of this development, the leasing of this nuclear-powered submarine from the USSR, which clearly introduces a new weapons technology into the South Asian region," said State Department spokesman Charles Redman.

"We are discussing this with the governments concerned, and seeking further information," he added.

Clarifications

The United States has asked India for clarifications and the subject was also broached by US Ambassador-at-large Richard Kennedy at this week's round of nuclear non-proliferation consultations with the Soviet Union in Geneva, Redman said.

Aoother official, said the United States knows the submarine will not carry any weapons, in keeping with the Soviet and Indian assurances. But he added that it could be harnessed for the production of such weapons.

The United States opposes the Soviet-Indian arrangement because it objects to any transfer of nuclear power reactors to countries lacking appropriate safeguards, Redman said.

India refuses to sign the international Non-Proliferation Treaty, which would open its installations to international supervision and obligate it to maintain certain safeguards.

Reagan free of cancer

WASHINGTON, Jan 16. President Reagan, buoyed in spirit by heady news on the US trade balance, has received a clean bill of health from his doctors after a semi-annual medical checkup.

The doctors said the results of Reagan's four-hour physical examination on Friday showed that the country's oldest President was fit and free of the cancer which caused him to have major intestinal surgery in 1985.

"The tests indicate the President is in excellent health," Army Colonel John Hutton, the White House physician, said in a statement after the 76-year-old President had completed his twice-yearly checkup.

Hutton said doctors had found no polyps — tiny growths excised from Reagan's colon during each previous physical since his cancer operation two and one-half years ago — and he said other tests, including a cat-scan, chest X-ray and stress test were normal.

US response 'inadequate' on halting aid to Afghan rebels

Soviets keen on early pullout

MOSCOW, Jan 16. (Agencies): Mikhail Gorbachev has reiterated that the Soviet Union wants the "earliest possible" settlement in Afghanistan but said the United States has not given an "adequate response," about stopping aid to Afghan rebels.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said on Jan 6 that he hopes Soviet troops will leave Afghanistan in 1988, and Pravda has said a troop pullout could start as early as May 1 if there is a settlement.

Gorbachev told US industrialist Armand Hammer Friday that the Soviet delegation had made serious and constructive proposals about Afghanistan at the Washington summit of Dec 7-10, the Tass news agency said.

Geneva talks

"We haven't yet received an adequate response from the US administration, and that's a pity since such a settlement could set an example of a new approach to solving regional problems."

Gorbachev said. "Our position on this score remains clear-cut," Gorbachev said. "We are for the earliest possible resolution. Of course the issues of the troop withdrawal should be linked with an end to outside interference in Afghan affairs."

The Soviets insist that a settlement of the Afghan problem can be worked out in February at the UN-sponsored talks in Afghanistan in Geneva between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Meeting

They say that 60 days after such a settlement is signed, the withdrawal of the first of some 115,000 troops from Afghanistan can start. The Soviets invaded in December 1979 to prop up a pro-Soviet government.

The Kremlin insists that an Afghan settlement requires a US guarantee to stop aiding the Mujahedeen, who are battling

the Soviet troops and their Afghan Army allies.

The head of the Pakistani religious party which supports Afghan rebels said he had held two meetings with the Soviet Ambassador to discuss ways to end the nine-year-old conflict in Afghanistan.

Kazi Hussain Ahmad, chief of the Jamaat-e-Islami party, told reporters last night he had met ambassador Abdurrehman Vezirov twice over the past two months.

"We have suggested to the Soviet ambassador that the Soviet Union should talk directly with the Mujahedeen," he said. He gave no further details.

Afghan President Najibullah said in an interview with the Washington Post newspaper this week that his Soviet-backed government was in indirect contact with the rebels.

He declined to elaborate when pressed for details, saying: "This matter is secret and should

remain secret," according to the official Afghan media.

The main anti-communist rebel groups are based in Pakistan and receive Western arms and other support.

Western diplomats monitoring efforts for an Afghan peace settlement say a significant obstacle has been a lack of direct channels of communication between the various factions.

Executions

Meanwhile, a Soviet news agency claimed that Afghan rebels have executed many of their compatriots who refused to fight with them in the battle for the main road to the eastern town of Khost. The Novosti report said the executions took place in front of hundreds of Afghan refugees in Peshawar, Pakistan, where Afghan rebel groups have their headquarters.

Novosti said the executions were carried out after Afghan and Soviet troops took the road to Khost last month.

Aquino appeals for peaceful polls

Four more die in Philippines

MANILA, Jan 16. (Reuters): President Corazon Aquino appealed for calm today as the Philippines headed into the final stretch of an election campaign that has taken 86 lives.

But violence continued as a landslide in the south ripped a jeep in half and killed four people, including two candidates and a candidate's wife.

"Let's have clean, peaceful and orderly elections," Aquino told a crowd of 10,000 at a campaign rally in Manila, as military sharpshooters peered down from rooftops.

The military has deployed thousands of troops to prevent further bloodshed before Monday's election for more than 16,000 local government positions around the country.

Troops went on high alert in the capital after intelligence agents received unconfirmed reports that right and left-wing extremists might disrupt voting.

The armed forces have blamed much of the pre-poll violence on the communist New People's Army (NPA), which has been battling the government for 19 years.

They said NPA rebels were responsible for the landslide blast on Friday in Lanao Del Norte province which killed mayoral candidate Diosdado Estocada, his wife, running mate and driver. Three other candidates were reported injured.

The military said rebels swooped down on the vehicle after the blast, firing shots, and then fled.

The long tradition of violence in Philippine local elections goes back beyond the insurgency, with political warlords and powerful families with private armies battling for territory and influence across the country's 73 provinces.

Manila, with some of the country's most hotly contested seats, has had its share of bloodshed.

Last Thursday, gunmen killed a woman bystander and shot an Aquino-backed candidate to the stomach at a rally there.

Aquino's 16-year-old daughter, Kris, was supposed to have appeared at the rally but did not show up because she was ill, a government spokesman said later.

Hopes renewed for release of hostage

Genscher confers with Assad

DAMASCUS, Jan 16. (Reuters): West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher held talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad today amid renewed hopes for the imminent release of West German hostage Rudolf Cordes in Lebanon.

High-ranking Syrian Foreign Ministry officials said Damascus had intensified its efforts to gain the release of foreigners missing in Lebanon and believed kidnapped by militant pro-Iranian groups.

Genscher discussed the hostage issue with Foreign Minister Farouk Al Shara after he arrived in Syria on Friday for an official visit, West German Foreign Ministry spokesman Jurgen

Chrobog told Reuters. "Genscher expressed Germany's thanks to Syria for the role it played with other parties to obtain the release of former hostage Alfred Schmidt and expressed hope that similar efforts be exerted for Cordes," Chrobog said.

Negotiations

Cordes, who enters his second year in captivity on Sunday, and Schmidt, who was freed in September, were seized by a group calling itself the Freedom Strugglers in retaliation for the arrest of Lebanese hijack suspect Mohammed Ali Hamadi in Frankfurt.

In Beirut, the weekly magazine

Ash-Shiraa on Friday quoted "highly knowledgeable" sources as saying secret negotiations for the release of Cordes had come to a halt.

It said the kidnappers were waiting for the result of the trial in Duesseldorf of Hamadi's brother Abbas, accused of taking part in the abduction of Cordes.

Chrobog said Genscher also told Shara that terrorism had to be fought throughout the world. Syria's Ambassador to West Germany, Suleman Haddad, said the visit by Genscher, whose country is current chairman of the European Community, signalled an important step in boosting relations between Syria and West Europe.

Illegitimate births rising in Britain

LONDON, Jan 16. (UPI): Britain's illegitimate birth rate more than doubled over the past 10 years, making it one of the highest in Europe, a government report said.

But the annual report issued by Britain's Central Statistical Office said that, unlike past decades, most of the illegitimate births occurred "within stable unions."

Editors Jenny Church and Tom Griffin said three-quarters of the illegitimate births were from "stable unions" because both parents signed the registration form and were living at the same address.

Births outside marriage rose sharply from 61,000 in 1976 to 158,000 in 1986, or from 9 per cent to 21 per cent of all births, according to the 18th annual report entitled "Social Trends 18."

"The rise in the rate (of illegitimate births) during the 1980s has been very steep indeed, but a very high proportion of these births" occurred in stable relationships, Church said.

Former police chief held for torture cover-up

Students clash with Seoul police

SEOUL, Jan 16. (UPI): Officials arrested the former chief of South Korea's national police today on charges he ordered a cover-up in the torture-death of a student official said.

Students clashed violently with riot police outside Yonsei University in western Seoul after a memorial for the slain student, Park Choo-Chul, 21, who was suffocated to death by police Jan 14, 1987.

Charge

About 500 students hurled dozens of Molotov cocktails and hundreds of rocks at police who moved in a mobile, rapid-fire tear-gas launcher that filled the air with exploding canister and stinging gas.

The violent students broke off from a memorial rally where 2,000 people, including dissident leader Kim Dae Jung, mourned



● A Lebanese carries a rooster as he rides his bicycle through the streets of East Beirut. He pledged to carry on this strange one-day act to express gratitude for staying alive after a shell exploded near him last year. (Reuter wirephoto)

Two universities reopen in Dhaka

DHAKA, Jan 16. (UPI): The government today reopened two major universities closed Nov 27 amid violent opposition protests aimed at ousting President Hosain Mohammad Ershad, but students held demonstrations to reaffirm their opposition to his rule.

Hundreds of police prohibited traffic and pedestrians from entering the neighbouring campuses of Dhaka University and the Engineering University as processions of about 1,000 students each wound through the grounds of each school.

The marchers shouted anti-government slogans and later gathered for rallies, at which student leaders urged continued support for a two-month-old campaign by a 21-party opposition coalition to force Ershad to resign and hand power to neutral caretaker government.

Police declined to enforce a state-of-emergency ban on public meetings as the students confined their protests to the campuses. No incidents were reported.

The two main opposition groups, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party of Begum Khaleda Zia and the Awami League of Sheikh Hasina, receive substantial support from university students, particularly those at Dhaka University, a traditional hotbed of anti-government agitation.

The rally at Dhaka University, the nation's largest with 16,000 students, was also addressed by Vice Chancellor Abdul Man-oam, who appealed to the demonstrators to maintain peace on the campus.

The government announced last week it would reopen Dhaka University and the Engineering University today after receiving assurances from their faculties that there would be no disruptions of classes.

Only about 1,600 Dhaka University students, however, returned today, while half of the other school's 3,000 students turned up. Classes were to resume Sunday.

The nation's six major universities were closed under the state-of-emergency declared by Ershad Nov 27 in a bid to defuse violent opposition protests.

the death of the Seoul National University student at the hands of police.

Former police chief Kang Min-Chang was charged with dereliction of duty and abuse of office for ordering a high-level cover-up of the killing by police who were questioning Park on his anti-government activities.

Park died of suffocation when police interrogators pressed his neck against the rim of a bathtub in a police interrogation room during questioning on his anti-government activities, police later admitted.

Five police officials were sentenced to five to 15 years in prison for participating in the torture or cover-up of the case.

A diary kept by a former police medical expert who autopsied the body of the student was used as evidence to reopen the case

Wednesday and led to the arrest of the former police chief.

Former national police director Kang asked Dr Hwang Chuk-Chun to change a description of the cause of Park's death, an abuse of office according to Kim Kyong-Hoe, head of the supreme prosecutor's investigation team.

Hwang told the police chief that the cause of Park's death was likely suffocation, but Kang did not order a thorough investigation of the exact cause of death, instead asking the doctor to record that the student died of shock, the official said.

Hwang, a former official at the National Scientific Investigation Research Institute, conducted the autopsy Jan 15 last year and found Park's neck had been pressed against a bathtub causing him to die by suffocation.

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Lebanon complains on Israeli attacks

UNITED NATIONS, Jan 16. (UPI): Lebanon yesterday accused Israel in the UN Security Council of a policy of continuing territorial encroachment in the south of the country and virtually daily attacks killing Lebanese civilians.

The Council's non-aligned members introduced a draft resolution which "strongly deplores the repeated Israeli attacks against the Lebanese territory and the oppressive practices against the civilian population."

Diplomatic sources said Arab countries were determined to put that resolution to a vote even at the risk of a US veto which they thought was likely.

The debate which opened yesterday was adjourned until Monday and the vote is expected then or later next week.

Lebanese Ambassador Rachid Fakhoury, whose government requested the urgent meeting of the 15-nation body to deal with the "abusive practices of Israeli occupying forces in Lebanon," listed about a dozen Israeli attacks over the past month.

Fakhoury said in one attack near Sidon a Lebanese family of seven was killed, in another two Lebanese families totalling 12 people died, in a third two Lebanese Red Cross vehicles were destroyed.

UN envoy condemns harsh...

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Most other refugee camps in the occupied territories remained under military curfew today and only minor incidents of stone-throwing and tyre burning were reported with no casualties.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Ehad Gol defended the police tactics at Temple Mount and said the government would discuss the incident at its weekly meeting tomorrow.

Treated

Seventy Palestinians were being treated for the effects of gas and one Israeli was seriously injured by a stone in the clash, which captured headlines around the world.

In Israel, however, it was regarded as ordinary and part of a wider attempt to quell Palestinian protest.

By yesterday evening, Israeli radio was making much of the fact that the Temple Mount clash was making headlines in other countries.

Israeli security forces have increased their strength at the mosque every Friday and have fired tear gas on several occasions to disperse crowds.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has written to PLO leader Yasser Arafat condemning Israeli actions in the occupied territories and expressing support for Palestinians there, the Soviet News Agency Tass said today.

Gorbachev's letter was in reply to Arafat, who had written to the Soviet leader about the "continued oppression of Israelis against the Palestinians," Tass said.

Khaddafi cancels Tunis visit

TUNIS, Jan 16. (AP): Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi has cancelled an official visit he was to have made to Tunisia this weekend, Tunisian officials reported yesterday without explanation.

The Tunisian authorities announced on Wednesday that Khaddafi was expected for talks with President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali less than three weeks after the two North African Arab neighbours restored their diplomatic relations.

The announcement said the two leaders would discuss "the prospects of Tunisian-Libyan cooperation and the general situation in Arab North Africa."

Mubarak back home...

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unrest in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Mubarak dismissed the protests with Arafat during their meeting in Baghdad, a PLO spokesman said.

"(They) reiterated the significance of Egypt ... stemming from its political and moral responsibility towards the Palestinian people," the spokesman said. "It is unusually sharp comments. King Hussein has criticised the United States for failing to use its influence to nudge Israel towards a settlement."

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HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad with the chairman of Tunis Municipality (left) and Abdul Rahman Al Ghunaim (right).

Kuwait and Tunis sign charter to boost ties

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, yesterday received at the Council of Ministers, chairman of Tunis Municipality Mohammed Ali Boliman and the delegation accompanying him on the occasion of his visit to Kuwait.

The meeting was attended by the Minister of State for Municipal Affairs, Abdul Rahman Khalid Al Ghunaim, the director general of Arab Cities Organisation, and the Tunisian Ambassador to Kuwait.

A fraternity charter was signed between Kuwait and Tunis for boosting the existing relations between the two cities.

The charter was signed on the Kuwaiti side by Ghunaim and

Boliman signed for the Tunisian side.

The new step gives the two cities a distinguished relationship and strengthens bilateral relations in cultural, social, economic and tourism fields in addition to youth activities.

The state minister commenting on this occasion, said that the fraternity charter between the two cities comes as the climax for a long history of cooperation between them in various fields, adding that it is a reflection of the two countries' efforts to develop their relationship.

Ghunaim praised the Tunisian official and his accompanying delegation for their keenness on enhancing links with their brothers in Kuwait and wished that

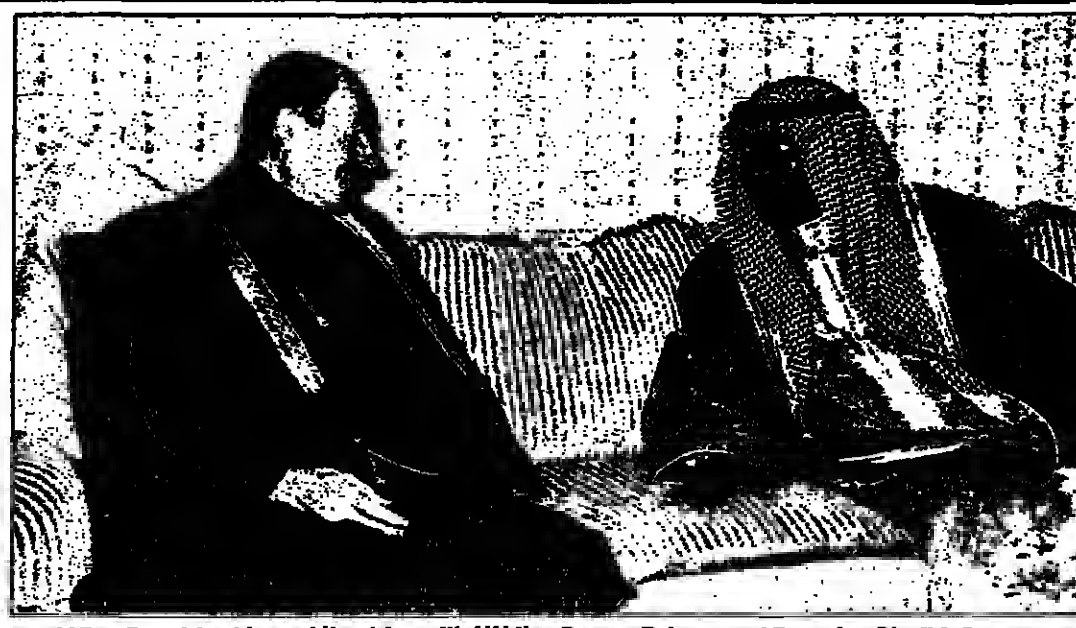
cooperation which is guided by HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince would bring more accomplishments for Kuwait and Tunisia.

Extension

Boliman expressed happiness over signing the charter.

The charter of fraternity is a natural extension of historic ties that link the two cities and Tunisia, he said. Commending the Kuwaiti contributions in the Tunisian comprehensive advancement.

Signing of such a charter, he added, was a result of great efforts exerted by the Arab cities organisation in materialisation of cooperation and integration between the Arab cities.



Iraqi Vice-President Izzat Ibrahim with HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad.

Amir receives Saddam's message

THE Vice-President of Iraq met HH the Amir of Kuwait yesterday to convey a message from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. Izzat Ibrahim, also vice-chairman of Iraq's Revolutionary Command Council, was received at the airport by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah and other officials.

Those included the Syrian Ambassador to Kuwait, Issa Darwish, apparently in his capacity as the senior diplomat in the country.

Arab states have been pressing Syria, Iran's main Arab ally, to patch up relations with Iraq in efforts to help end the Iran-Iraq war.

Syrian officials have been trying to arrange talks between Iran and the Arab states of the Gulf aimed at halting attacks on shipping in the area and ending the war.

The United Arab Emirates on Sunday sent an emissary to Tehran to help arrange a dialogue between Iran and members of GCC.

Diplomatic sources said Ibrahim probably sought to reassure Kuwaiti leaders Iraq can contain any Iranian attempt to capture the southern Iraqi port of Basra just 50 miles (80 km) from Kuwait City.

Establishment of food centre proposed

A NUTRITION specialist Fawzia Al Awadi, in an interview with a Kuwaiti daily, said a food centre should be established to unify the work of different authorities involved in food control. A study on such a centre has been made, she said, in cooperation with the United Nations, adding that such a centre is essential to national food security.

Al Awadi explained that Municipality authorities should work with the Health Ministry in coordinating the regulation of the preparation and storage of foodstuffs in Kuwait. The Health Ministry inspects places that prepare and store foodstuffs for school students and hospitals, she said, and organises training

courses for inspectors of restaurants and canteens.

Al Awadi, the director of the nutrition department at the Health Ministry, said senior posts in the department were filled by Kuwaitis, but added that they still suffer from a shortage of technical personnel.

Nutrition services offered patients in hospitals has improved over the past few years, she said, and these services are controlled by inspectors and specialists from the department. She added that personnel who handle food are required to have a semi annual medical examination, carry health certificates and wear special uniforms for their work.

Drug addicts on the rise

THE number of drug addicts and users is increasing every year in the Gulf states, according to a study prepared by the follow-up office of the Council of Social Affairs Ministers of Gulf states.

The study said this meant that the Gulf states must intensify their measures and efforts at borders to prevent drug smuggling.

It carried out a survey of 102 drug addicts jailed in Saudi Arabia and found that 96 per cent were in the 20-50 age group. None of them had completed

university education, only four had completed the higher secondary examination and 15 were illiterate. Eighteen were drivers, 16 were employees, 11 were mechanics and the rest were in various jobs. The majority earned the equivalent of KD150 to KD225, 20 earned between KD75 and KD150, while some earned over KD500.

It found that 65 per cent of the addicts were bachelors. Four were either widowers or divorced.

Nouri receives Egyptian envoy

THE Minister of Education Anwar Al Nouri received yesterday the Egyptian Ambassador Saeed Rifat.

Cordial talks and educational bilateral relations were discussed during the meeting.

Al Nouri later received head of Kuwaiti girl guides society Qamariya Amin and the head of Arab delegations taking part in the second Arab camp for girl guides.

Telecommunications complex under construction

BADER Al Qabandi, the deputy chief engineer at the Construction Projects Administration of Kuwait's Ministry of Public Works, said that most projects scheduled for tenders for the 1987-1988 budget belonged to government ministries, which included schools, clinics, police stations, National Guard barracks, landscaping, mosques, cooperative societies and other facilities.

Al Qabandi added that the ministry had started the construction of the Telecommunications Complex in Kuwait City, which consists of an eleven-storey high-rise building, with adjacent office building and car park. The outstanding feature of the complex will be the telecommunications transmission tower, which will be the third highest tower in the world.

The deputy chief engineer said the construction administration was currently working on projects of the Education Ministry which include kindergarten buildings, an indoor swimming pool, religious institutes, education centres, schools and laboratories.

Other projects include mosques and related facilities for the Awkaf Ministry, buildings for the General Customs Department, Sports Union, the Olympic Committee headquarters, Kuwait Club for the Disabled and other projects for the Social Affairs and Labour Ministry.

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The course, in which 30 trainees from different government ministries and apparatuses are taking part, will come to a close next February 3.

The course includes a background on planning and budget and how to analyse them, taking into consideration the experiments of the developing countries.

The course also deals with the role of budget in realising balanced growth and the latest developments in the systems of budgets and planning for their revenues and expenditures.

The course also deals with the experiment of Kuwait and ways of reducing budget deficit as well as future prospects.

The programme aims at improving the efficiency of staff of government administrations and apparatuses in the field of planning and budget and the link between them so as to realise comprehensive development plans.

Number of flights within GCC increase

ISSA Mohammad Al Mazzeidi, Kuwait's Minister of State for Service Affairs and Chairman of the Higher Council of Civil Aviation, told Seyassah newspaper that the fourth meeting of the Gulf Cooperation Council Civil Aviation officials succeeded in increasing the number of scheduled air flights between GCC states.

The minister ruled out any intention to increase the price of air tickets issued by airlines of GCC states and Seyassah reported that Prince Fahd Bin Abdullah Al Saud, the Saudi Assistant Defence Minister for Civil Aviation Affairs, said that the ministers agreed to set up the proposed Lodon-based air catering kitchen.

Al Mazzeidi stressed the need to further consolidate relations between GCC countries in the field of Civil Aviation and Air Transport.

9 accidents

THERE were nine traffic accidents in Kuwait yesterday. One took place in Hawalli, six in Ahmadi and two in Jahra.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audiences

HH the Amir yesterday received HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah and the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah received at his office yesterday the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour, Sheikh Jaber Al Harad, the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Faisal Al Khalid, the Director General of the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fisheries Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duqai.

Sheikh Saad received as well former Lebanese premier Amin Al Hafez and Egypt's ambassador, Saeed Rifat on the occasion of his appointment.

GULF PRESS

Continuation of uprising lauded

UNITED Arab Emirates newspapers yesterday applauded the continuation of the national uprising in the occupied territories and called on the Arabs to unite and support the upheaval by all means.

Commenting on the storming of two Jerusalem mosques yesterday by the Israeli troops, daily Al Ithad editorially said that breaking into the Al Aqsa Mosque while the Palestinian Muslims were praying, proved that such attitude is stronger and greater than the enemy's ability, and will defeat them later or sooner.

The paper added that following yesterday's incident, the Arabs are needed to unite and defend the holy mosque and the occupied territories.

Referring to the occupation's decision to use further brutal actions against the Palestinians, Al Ithad said that the only way to force the Israelis to reconsider their decision is steadfastness, which will be achieved by Islamic and Arab unified stance.

The paper said that "no Islamic or Arab drive was noticeable to face the Israeli siege and to liberate the Islamic sacred places occupied, for more than twenty years."

Meanwhile, daily Al-Wahda asserted that "complaining to the UN Security Council is not enough, and waiting for its resolutions to be implemented will not return the Palestinian legal rights."

Al-Wahda reiterated that the Arabs and Muslims should support the Palestinian uprising financially, politically, and militarily to make such an uprising fruitful.

Al-Fajr newspaper affirmed that the Palestinians who have burnt US and Israeli flags in Jerusalem and who forced the Zionist authorities to admit "the difficulty in handling the situation," proved that resistance is the only way to liberate the occupied lands.

The paper added that the Palestinians at the end will teach the enemy a historical lesson.

Daily Al-Bayan said that although the enemy committed so many crimes since 1948, it was not accused by the international society as much it is now in attacking the innocent people who own no weapons, except stones.

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9 accidents

THERE were nine traffic accidents in Kuwait yesterday. One took place in Hawalli, six in Ahmadi and two in Jahra.

KUWAIT ... GULF

Working on adopting family doctor system

KUWAIT'S Health Ministry was seriously working on adopting the family doctor method, the acting undersecretary, Ibrahim Al Mufar, said yesterday.

He said that most studies on medical care showed that this method was the best for providing primary health services.

He explained that the family doctor specialised in providing comprehensive medical care to all family members irrespective of their age or sex. The main advantage was that the family doctor was always in close touch with his patients and knew their ailments and how to treat them.

Contracts signed

KUWAIT'S Minister of Public Works Abdul Rahman Al Houf yesterday signed three contracts with local companies to develop the pavements and pedestrian passages in the country's first three areas.

Each contract costs one million and KD250,000 and will be finished in 730 days, and provides for constructing and maintaining new pavements on the main roads and around the public facilities.

Addressing owners of the companies and reporters, the minister said the project has moral value as it concerns the public, and has direct relation with landscaping of Kuwait to which HH the Amir pays special attention.

The minister urged the citizens to cooperate in this regard with the contractors, and not to plant trees with deep roots which hinder achievement of the work.

Drainage water treatment

THE director of the general networks department at the Public Works Ministry, Adel Bu Hamad, has said that the treatment of drainage water was carried out according to international hygienic requirements in order to achieve the best results.

He said that the ministry had selected the best methods to suit Kuwait's soil and water.

Half the treated water was utilised and the rest disposed in the sea.

He said it would require millions of dinars to provide piped treated water to the farms in Abdali and Wafra because the farms were very far from the water treatment stations. The alternative was to provide ground water.

He said treated water could not be supplied to public or private gardens for sanitary reasons.

He said that treated water could be used if the agricultural area was fenced, far from the public and used the latest irrigation equipment.

Meeting blames Arab disunity

Palestinian issue relegated

ARAB physicians and pharmacists in Kuwait participated in a meeting recently organised by the Kuwait Medical Society, to express solidarity with Palestinians in the occupied Arab territories.

After the welcome address, given by the society's chairman Dr Abdullah Al Rasheed, the chairman of the Palestinian Physicians Union Dr Mahmoud Abu Hashish spoke about the unrest in the occupied territories, which he said, was the result of Arab disunity and the international political situation. He added that the Palestinian cause was becoming a secondary issue because of the Iraq-Iran war and Arab disunity.

Prevented

The secretary of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society Dr Basam Al Qasrawi said that Israeli forces used dangerous and illegal weapons to halt the unrest among the unarmed Palestinians adding that Israelis also broke into hospitals and prevented medical staff from treating injured Palestinians.

The revolution of the Palestinian people in the West Bank and Gaza Strip is terrifying the Israelis, Saleem Al Zaanoun, the Deputy Chairman of the Palestinian National Council, said in his remarks to the group. He called on Palestinians to restore their legitimate rights and called on the Kuwait Red Crescent Society and medical societies to take part in a voyage from a European port to Palestine to carry Palestinians expelled from their country. He added that the ship would carry the United Nations flag and the voyage would be an expression of protest against the Israeli actions.

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Arab medical professionals meet to show their support of Palestinians in the recent uprising.

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inians in refugee camps and asked that an organised plan for Arab medical and Red Crescent societies to support the revolution.

Decentralisation of Education Ministry praised

THE Undersecretary of Kuwait's Education Ministry Abdul Rahman Al Khudari praised the distribution of government offices over the country's four governorates, saying that the decentralisation of the Education Ministry to the four educational areas served the educational process ideally.

Al Khudari described the proposed representation of offices throughout the country as an excellent step which would ensure quick service to the public and reduce crowding inside ministry offices.

Reduce Farid Al Ojail, the Assistant Director General of the National Housing Authority, also expressed support for the decentralisation of government services, adding that the NHA was preparing to construct a number of offices in the various governorates.

The Director General of Kuwait Municipality Rasheed Al Othman also gave his support to the idea, saying that such decentralisation would reduce crowd-

ing at public offices.

The head of the Cooperative Guidance Department at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour Fadel Al Mutawa said that the outcome of this process would be the reduction in traffic congestion and unnecessary crowding at ministry headquarters.

A number of citizens have also expressed their support of the decentralisation, saying that it would help eliminate some of the government paperwork and ease pressure at city offices.

Hussein sends message to Fahd

RIYADH, Jan 16, (Kuna): King Fahd of Saudi Arabia received a message today from Jordanian monarch King Hussein Bin Talal.

Saudi Press Agency said the message was conveyed by the head of Jordanian Royal Diwan Marwan Al Qasim who arrived here earlier today. Contents of the message were not revealed.

Murder trial postponed

BAHRAIN, Jan 16, (Reuters): The trial of a Briton and his Irish-born wife charged with the murder of a nurse in Saudi Arabia has been postponed until early February, diplomats in the kingdom said today.

Englishman Peter Hall and his wife Monica are accused of killing Irish nurse Helen Feeney, a matron at Taif maternity hospital who was found dead in her flat in April 1986. Their trial was originally set for January 2, then postponed until January 14.

The couple could face the death penalty if convicted under Saudi Arabia's Islamic law.

Kuwait's donation

TUNIS, Jan 16, (Kuna): Kuwait's Awaqaf Ministry and the International Islamic Charitable Organisation has donated the sum of 151 thousand French francs (about \$25,000) for the National Society for Preserving the Holy Quran.

The financial donation will assist the society, which teaches Quran to boost its activities in that field.

Information officials meet in Riyadh

RIYADH, Jan 16, (Kuna): The fourth meeting for the information undersecretaries in the six member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council begins here today to discuss a host of topics relating to information cooperation.

During the three-day meeting the GCC officials are scheduled to discuss a detailed report on information cooperation march by the member states and a number of papers prepared by the GCC secretariat on bolstering television and radio cooperation and the exchange of news and programmes.

The first meeting for the GCC information undersecretaries was held in Abu Dhabi September 1982.

In Abu Dhabi today, it was announced that UAE Information and Culture Ministry undersecretary Abdullah Al Noyayd has left this morning for Riyadh heading a delegation to take part in the meeting of the information undersecretaries.

UK minister in Saudi Arabia

RIYADH, Jan 16, (Kuna): Assistant Defence and Aviation Minister for Military Affairs Othman Al Humaid received here today the visiting British Minister of State for Defence Lord Trefgarne and his accompanying delegation.

The meeting was attended by British Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Steven Egerton.

Trefgarne called this afternoon on Major General Talal Salem Al Mafdi, Commander of the Saudi Royal Naval Forces.

The meeting was attended by Brigadier Prince Fahd Bin Abdullah, the Vice Commander of the naval forces and the British ambassador.

New KAC official honoured

ROME, Jan 16, (Kuna): Kuwait's Ambassador to Italy Ahmad Ghaieth Abdulla hosted a banquet in honour of the new director of Kuwait Airways office in Italy, Sabah Shammas.

Directors of Arab airways companies, Alitalia's director of international relations and members of Arab Gulf embassies here attended the dinner.

Shammas switched positions with former director of the Kuwaiti corporation office here Badr Al Ameri who was transferred to Abu Dhabi.

Senator Specter

ABU DHABI, Jan 16, (Kuna): US Senator John Specter arrived here today from Manama, Bahrain, on a two-day visit to the United Arab Emirates.

Specter will have talks with a number of senior UAE officials over the Gulf developments and other issues of common interest.



Dr Atel Fouda explains the complicated cardiac condition in the Siamese twins following the examinations yesterday.



The twins are kept alive artificially.

Deformed hearts dash all hopes of survival

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but all of these blood vessels are linked to a truncated chamber, which in itself is a severe deformity. The two girls share one liver, a problem which could have been solved had they had healthy hearts.

Test The twins were delivered on Tuesday through a Caesarean operation at the Addan hospital.

Doctors, who knew that the Egyptian mother was expecting twins, were caught by surprise when they discovered during delivery that they were Siamese twins.

The mother had undergone an ultrasound test but doctors have failed to detect the case of Siamese twins.

It requires a very astute expert, and the one who would be half-expecting it, to detect a case of Siamese twins from an ultrasound test, said a doctor at Ibn Sina hospital. Forty per cent of all Siamese were born joined at the chest.

The mother is still recuperating at the Addan Hospital. Doctors say she is making good progress and is expected to leave hospital in about four days.

Jaafar meets Saudi minister

RIYADH, Jan 16, (Kuna): Kuwait Information Ministry Undersecretary Abdel Aziz Jaafar met here today with Saudi Information Minister Ali Al-Sha'er.

Saudi Press Agency said Jaafar relayed a message from Kuwaiti Information Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al-Ahmed to his Saudi counterpart.

Al Sha'er hoped informal cooperation between the two countries would boost bilateral rapprochement in favour of Arab and Islamic issues.

Jaafar arrived here last night to participate in the 4th session of GCC information undersecretaries.

One-day salary cut

THE Ministry of Electricity and Water will deduct an equivalent of one-day pay of its employees' salaries in contribution to the Palestinian people's uprising in the occupied land.

The decision was taken in conformity with an earlier cabinet directive calling all government and private institutions' employees to donate a one-day salary in support of the steadfastness of the Palestinian people.

Alawi sends message to Turkey

ANKARA, Jan 16, (Kuna): The Turkish Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz today received a message from Oman's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Yusuf Bin Alawi Bin Abdullah, dealing with means of stepping up bilateral relations in the various fields. Oman News Agency reported.

The message was delivered to the Turkish minister by Oman's Ambassador to Turkey Abdullah Bin Said Al Baluchi at a meeting in Ankara today.

250 jailed for annoying women

RIYADH, Jan 16, (Reuters): Some 250 men were jailed in Saudi Arabia's capital Riyadh last year for annoying women in public places, a senior police officer told Al-Riyadh newspaper.

He did not say if any foreigners were among those jailed in the city, which has an estimated 1.5 million population.

Under strict Islamic (sharia) law in Saudi Arabia, women are required to cover themselves from head to toe in public.

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Temporary phones for Qurain housing project

SALMAN Al Roumi, the chief engineer of Kuwait's Communications Ministry, announced that the ministry is studying the possibility of providing citizens in the Qurain housing project with temporary telephone service with connections through nearby central exchanges.

The National Housing Authority has not completed the construction of the central exchange in the Qurain area, he said, so nearby exchanges will be used instead. Al Roumi added that construction of the housing project will be completed in December, 1989 and telephone services will be available in 1990.

Speaking about the ministry's personnel, Al Roumi said that most of the engineers are Kuwaitis, totalling about 100. There are also a large number of Kuwaiti graduates from higher technical institutes working as technicians at various central

exchanges, he said, adding that the ministry's plan is to replace non-Kuwaiti technicians with Kuwaitis.

The ministry has completed a number of projects expanding the telephone exchanges in various areas throughout the country, he said, and has signed a contract to build two telecommunications control stations in Ras Salmiya and South Sabaiya.

Life for murder

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court sentenced an agricultural worker to life imprisonment to be followed by deportation on a charge of premeditated murder.

The court was told the defendant had killed his supervisor for informing the farm owner that he was unfit for the work. The owner decided to repatriate the worker who then resolved to kill the supervisor who was responsible for this.

While the supervisor was having dinner with the other workers, the defendant rushed at the supervisor and stabbed him with a knife in the head and chest. He prevented the other workers from taking the supervisor to hospital and hit one of them on the shoulder with a piece of iron.

But the workers overcame him and rushed the supervisor to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

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Going Places

Support theatre, urges Al Faraj

By Lima Khalafawi

A LEADING Kuwaiti actor has urged the government to support the theatre movement with "more money and space for buildings." Kuwaiti comedian Saad Al Faraj said the theatre needs government support to thrive and improve. They lack the technical facilities to improve it, he said.

Al Faraj's new comedy Hatha Seifo wa Hatha Khalafawi is to be staged in March this year. The play shows the changes and developments of the last 40 years in Kuwait's society.

"Kuwait has not changed. The old habits and traditions are still intact," said Al Faraj. War and conflict has encouraged the production of comedies, he said. "Spectators seek an opportunity to laugh to get out of the stress of daily routine," he explained. After

the Gulf war began, he said, more and more light-hearted plays have been produced.

"The war has inspired many writers with ideas to offset the grim atmosphere in the Arab world," he said.

The history of theatre in Kuwait is recent. Theatre began only 30 years ago. "The movement has grown tremendously in this short span," he said.

Faraj believes that the success of a play depends largely on the talent of performers. "Actors and actresses work really hard to prove their talent. And they have been appreciated by the audience," he said.

He feels the continuity of the theatre movement depends on the graduates from the Institute of Theatrical Arts. "The new actors and actresses are the hope of the future," said Al Faraj, whose career began way

back in 1957.

Al Faraj started his career with the Popular Theatre and in 1974, he joined the Al Arabi theatre and worked there until he formed his own group, the National Theatre Company.

Faraj has scripted several plays and has acted in over 20 dramas and 50 serials. Live in See, a play by Al Faraj, was the most successful. It was translated into English and staged in Louisville, Kentucky, US. Among his other well-known plays is The Defender, which ran for two months in a Kuwait theatre. The Defender was a political satire on democracy and netted a profit of KD 88,000.

"The Defender shows how everyone must uphold and defend democracy, even if it involves sacrifice," he said. At the moment, Al Faraj is rehearsing for his next play, which opens in March.



Saad Al Faraj: defender

Carnatic music at cultural show

CARNATIC music flowed as the Tamil-speaking community in Kuwait on Friday celebrated Pongal, the harvest festival, ranked as the most important festival in Tamil Nadu. It was a dual celebration for the Tamil-speakers as they also participated in the prolonged festivities, begun last August, for the 40th independence of India.

It was organised by the Bharathi Kalai Mandram, grouping 120 Tamil-speaking families, including some bachelors.

An ambitious show, it brought 125 people on stage. It was a day for children — some 86 presented a variety of dances ranging from the folk to the more modern. Their performance was marred slightly by the faculty sound system, which played havoc and some off-key music. A group of children, sang two patriotic songs — Hail India and Land of the Palm Groves, penned by an Indian scientist and poet, Dr. T. C. Gopal, now living in Kuwait.

"The theme of the show was unity in diversity, and as such the Tamil-speakers emphasised



A view of the audience.

on the works of the Tamil poet Subrahmanya Bharati. He spoke about unity and patriotism long before India gained independence.

Several items showed India's diverse culture including Punjabi. Highlights of the programme were kummi, a group dance traditionally performed by unmarried girls on Pongal, a temple dance, tribal dance from eastern India, Bharathi Natyam and instrumental music. The show was organised by a committee formed by the Bharathi Kalai Mandram (BKM), and convened under Dr T.C. Doraiswamy.

The BKM was formed only two years ago and has some 120 members. At the moment they have no plans for expansion. "We are restricted by space," said its president C.V.K. Raman, a theatre-buff who takes an active part in the Kuwait Dramatic Society, run under the auspices of KOC.

The BKM is a non-political group, concentrating on promotion of their culture among the Tamil-speaking community. And as such it runs three Tamil-language classes for children in Fahaheel, Salmiya and Abbasiya. They also hold cultural shows for the community.



Indian Ambassador N.N. Jha (second right) pictured with guests at the show.

A Bharata Natyam number



● A well-known German pianist, Wolfram Lorenzen (above), will give a recital at the Kuwait Hilton on Jan 19. Lorenzen, billed as one of the rising stars, will play a selection of music by such composers as Chopin, Schumann, Liszt and Ravel. Lorenzen studied music under Professor Klaus Linde in Basle and later mastered the art with Wilhelm Kempfer.

WHAT'S ON

THEATRE

KLT-Comedy
The next production at KLT is a comedy Say Who You Are, directed by Steve Prescott. The gala performance is at 7 pm on Feb 1. Repeat performances are at 7.30 pm on Feb 2, 3, and 4. Tickets — KD3. For reservations call 3947651. Tickets must be collected from the Box Office two days before the performance date.

FILMS

British Council
Soft Targets, a feature film made with all the style and mastery of spy thrillers, will be shown tonight at 6.30 pm at the British Council. The film offers many pertinent and highly amusing insights to the East-West relationship. 90 minutes duration. Admission free but reservations must be made. Tel: 2515512.

SOCIAL

Sargam Music Show
Sargam, a local group, will hold a music show at Messilah Beach Hotel at 6.30 pm on Feb 3. A selection of popular Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi and English songs will be presented. Entertainment also includes fire dance, lava dance and a magic show. For details phone 3260455. 7 am to 3 pm.

Japan Week

Jan 21: Kite flying competition, from 9 am to 1 pm, at the Science Club.

The following events will be held at the Hilton Hotel. Jan 22: children's exhibition, also featuring award winning art works by Kuwaiti children, on loan from the 1987 International Art Exhibition held in Yokohama. Open from 4 to 9 pm on Jan 22. From Jan 23 to 25, open from 9 am to 1 pm and 4 to 9 pm. Jan 23: seminar on Japanese education; 9 am to 1 pm; Ikebana School — 11 am to 1 pm; piano concert by Cairo-based pianist Junko Nakayama. Jan 24: Ikebana School, 11 am to 1 pm; martial arts and tea ceremony.

Seven films will be shown during the Week in the Hilton's Terrace room. All films are in Japanese with Arabic subtitles. Jan 22, 4 pm, Snow Fairy; 7 pm, The Makioka sisters; Jan 23, 4 pm, The Dragon Boy; 7 pm, Sanjui, directed by Kurosawa. Jan 24, 4 pm, The Yamashita Story (judo story); 7 pm, The Longest Tunnel. Jan 25: Tora San's Forbidden Love, a comedy, 7 pm.

A seminar on Japanese business will be held on Feb 3 at the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Building from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm.

A token admission fee will be charged for some events. For further details, and confirmation of schedule, contact Tel: 2518155/2518440 or the Japanese Society 2533000 ext 1156.

Kuwait Nomads

Rugby Club on Wednesday, Jan 20. For details phone Jon Evans — 5339867 or Tony Sole — 5330507.

Winter Serenade

The Kuwait Players Winter Serenade will be an evening to remember — baute cuisine, music, sparkling and show stoppers, nostalgic ballads, moody blues and celebrated classics performed by Ross, Jenny, Lynley, Reem, Rosie and Carol. Directed by Peter Godfrey. Ros Langhorne and Glenis Muckle. It will be held in the Grand Ballroom, Mendham Hotel, on Feb 1, 2, and 3. Feb 4 Gala Dinner and show at 7.30 pm. For details ring 2656265; 5334695 or 5730641.

Ladies Tea Party

A sarce fashion show will be held at the International Ladies Tea Party on Jan 20 (Wednesday) from 4.30 pm at the Kuwait Plaza Hotel. For details phone 5317390, 5386297.

Kuwait Caledonians
Kuwait Caledonians will hold Burns Night at 7.30 pm on Jan 28 at Messilah Beach Hotel. Guest speaker will be Bob Crempsey. For details phone 5610673.

Neelam Ghar
Neelam Ghar, a quiz show, will be held on Jan 22 at Carlton Tower Hotel. Admission by invitation only. For details phone Zulfikar or Anees — 4814733; 2427388; 2445324 or Haroon Sayeed — 5659336.

Konkani Drama

The New G.O.A. presents Freddy J. D'Costa's play Utu Goymkara on Jan 17 (3 pm). The troupe from Goa, including Jacinto Vaz, will perform at the New Indian Arts Circle hall in Finaitees. Transport available from city. For reservations contact the Raja Stores.

Piano Concert

German pianist Wolfram Lorenzen will give a recital on Jan 19 (8 pm) in the Grand Ballroom of the Kuwait Hilton. He will play works by Ravel, Schumann, Liszt and Chopin. For further details contact the hotel.

Kuwait Slingers

Rehearsals for the May concert will begin on Monday, Jan 18, 7.30 pm in the Sunshine School, Salwa, and will be held every Saturday and Monday. New members welcome. Tel: 5331413.

HOTELS

At Messilah Beach
Al Mubarakiah features lunch and dinner, open 24 hours, children under 10 years free if accompanied by adults. offer limited to four. Sunday's is ladies day with 50 per cent discount for them.

At the SAS
Every Tuesday is Sahrat Al Khema — oriental night. Experience the exotic charm of the orient at the Tent. Arabian bazaar, perfumes, jewellery, clothes and rugs are some of the attractions. Dinner, live music and raffle prizes.

At the Ramada Al Salam

Daily lunch, chef's special, and dinner buffet at Coffee Shop; from Sunday to Friday, steak and seafood specialties featured for dinner at El Mersa Restaurant, open from 7 pm to 1.30 am. Family brunch on Fridays from 12 noon to 3 pm. Highlights will be: magician, painting competition, games and ship's discovery tour.

At the Hilton

Speciality menu featured in Falaika, open for lunch and dinner; grazing menu also available in addition to desserts.

At the Continental

Gardenia offers food and beverage service on the Terrace. Daily dinner buffet and on Fridays, lunch buffet with charcoal grilled specialties. Darbar features daily lunch buffet and 'a la carte' for dinner.

At the Sheraton

Dine in the Hunt Room with live music by the gypsy band Camcrata. For lunch, Hunt Room offers a la carte. Trabouche on the roof is held every Sunday in Al Hamra Night Club. Music by the World Machine band. The Riccardo features a selection of Italian cuisine with music by the Moonlight Duo.

At the Meridian

A two-week promotion featuring giant croissants, and croissant sandwiches, is being held in the Al Wahd and Al Fingan restaurant. The promotion continues until the end of the month.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 2.15 Holy Quran
- 2.30 World News via Satellite
- 3.30 Bahah An Mofli: cartoons
- 4.00 News Summary
- 4.05 Magazine D'Actualite
- 4.25 La Ilaha Illallah: daily historical serial
- 5.30 Al Manahil: series for children, featuring Amal Dabbas, Tayseer Attiya, Rabe'a Shihab..
- 6.00 Songs and Music
- 7.00 News Summary
- 7.05 Soora Min Al Tabayya: documentary
- 7.30 Diwanayat Suwar Al Nahd: poetry session
- 8.15 Good Evening and Local News
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 Al Anzar: daily serial
- 10.50 Kalimab Fi Sahrah: "Television". Variety show featuring Adel Imam, Laila Nazmi, Noor Al Shariff, Nelli, Samir Ghanim, Noor Al Shariff and others.
- 11.50 News Summary
- 11.55 World News via Satellite
- 12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Lone Ranger: cartoons
- 6.30 Butterfly Island: "There is a Tide." A sheep in an office block wrecks havoc.



Booth Savage, Dorothy Parke and Paule Burke in Hot Shots, 8.40 pm on KTV2, a series about ambitious reporters covering unusual crimes around the world.

- 7.00 Understanding Islam: a weekly local show on Islam.
- 7.30 The Wacky World of Sports: a light hearted look at sporting events.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Hot Shots: "Blue Birds Inn." Amanda Reed (Dorothy Parke) and Jason West (Booth Savage) investigate the death of a rich woman.
- 9.30 Foley Square: "Personals". Alex places an ad in the personal columns of a newspaper.
- 10.00 Q.E.D.: "Mark, His

Sister and the Scientists". Scientists study hereditary traits and its relationship with disease.

10.30 Best Seller: "The Long Hot Summer". A stranger comes to town and is employed by a wealthy person.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

- Morning
- 08.00 Opening
- 08.02 Songs and Music
- 08.30 News
- 08.40 Songs and Music
- 08.45 Daily Programme
- 09.00 Bands with a Beat
- 09.30 Songs and Music
- 10.00 Our Press Today
- 10.05 Songs and Music
- 10.30 Pick of the Pops
- 11.00 Closedown
- 13.30 News on the FM service
- Evening
- 17.00 Opening
- 17.02 The Young Sound
- 21.30 News
- 21.45 Point of View
- 21.55 Songs and Music
- 22.00 The World of Sports
- 22.15 In the French mood
- 22.45 Daily Programme
- 23.00 Pop Session Special
- 24.00 Closedown

FM Services

- 08.00-08.30 Easy Listening
- 08.30-08.40 News
- 08.40-10.00 Easy Listening
- 10.00-11.00 Songs and Music
- 11.00-12.00 Country Western
- 12.00-13.00 Songs and Music
- 13.00-13.30 Easy Listening
- 13.30-13.40 News
- 13.40-14.00 Easy Listening
- 14.00-16.00 Classical Music
- 16.00-17.00 Easy Listening
- 17.00-18.00 French hour
- 18.00-21.30 Pops
- 21.30-21.45 News
- 21.45-22.00 Pops

Arabic soaps and music

22.00-23.00 Arabic soaps and music

23.00-24.00 Easy Listening

24.00-02.00 Instrumental Listening

BBC World Services

- 0600 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio Newswest
- 30 Musical Masters of the Baroque
- 0100 News Summary followed by Play of the Week 3rd Uncle Vanya. Cont'd: 10th Daisy Pulls It Off: 17th Chicken Soup with Barley — Part 1: 24th Chicken Soup with Barley — Part 2: 31st The Enemy Within
- 0200 World News
- 09 The Sunday Papers
- 15 I've Been Together Now For 70 Years
- 30 Album Time
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 From Our Own Correspondent
- 30 Back to Square One
- 0400 Newsweek
- 30 A Moment Miscellany
- 45 Reflections
- 50 Financial Review
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Stuart Colman's Record Hop
- 45 Letter from America
- 0600 Newsweek
- 10th Housing the World: 17th Byroo: 24th Rescuing the Rhine: 31st Not in Our Stars
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 From Our Own Correspondent

Waveguide

- 0600 World News
- 09 Reflections
- 15 The Pleasure's Yours
- 0900 World News
- 09 The Sunday Papers
- 15 Science in Action
- 45 Australia Bound (ex 31st Hobbes)
- 1000 News Summary followed by Short Story
- 15 Classical Record Review
- 30 Religious Review
- 1100 World News
- 09 News About Britain
- 15 From Our Own Correspondent
- 30 Musical Masters of the Baroque (ex 3rd Play of the Week: Uncle Vanya)
- 1200 News Summary (ex 3rd) followed by Play of the Week: 3rd Uncle Vanya cont'd: 10th Daisy Pulls It Off: 17th Chicken Soup with Barley — Part 1: 24th Chicken Soup with Barley — Part 2: 31st The Enemy Within
- 1300 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Sports Roundup
- 45 The Saudi Jones Request Show (including at 1400 News Summary)
- 1430 Back to Square One
- 1500 Radio Newswest
- 15 Concert Hall
- 1600 World News
- 09 Commentary
- 15 3rd Fundamentalist America: 10th Housing the World: 17th Byroo: 24th Rescuing the Rhine: 31st Not in Our Stars
- 45 Letter from America
- 1700 World News
- 09 Reflections
- 15 Jazz for the Asking
- 45 Sports Roundup

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Al Nimr Wal Unsa (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Athar Al Hakim
Al Salmiya
The Living Daylight
Starring: Timothy Dalton
Al Hamra
Big Trouble in Little China
Starring: Kurt Russell, Kim Drive-In
Al Nimr Wal Unsa (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Athar Al Hakim
Al Firdous
Mamta (Hindi)

Starring: Dharmendra, Suchitra Sen
Fahadhel Open-Air
Sharabi (Hindi)
Starring: Amitabh Bachchan, Jaya Prada

Al Fahadhel
Sreedharante Onnam Thiru Muruvu (Malayalam)

Al Jahra
Gora (Hindi)
Starring: Rajesh Khanna

Granada
Ghazah (Hindi)

Sulabikhar
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Al Jeeb
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A ROMAN column dating from the second century AD was pulled out of the Tiber River at Fiumara near Ostia, Jan 12. The column of African marble was found 10 years ago but could only be retrieved now by modern technology. (Reuter wirephoto)



PHILIPPINE President Corazon Aquino lights a candle as she calls for peace during a campaign rally on Friday for her candidate on Monday's local elections. (Reuter wirephoto)



ANSHITA ARYA FAR (left) kisses her mother as her sister Mitra (right) looks on. The two students share this joyful reunion after leaving hospital today where they spent the night upon their arrival from Gabon on Thursday. The two students were expelled by the French government last December 8, with fellow Iranian opposition Mujahedin group members who then began a hunger strike that ended upon their return. (Reuter wirephoto)



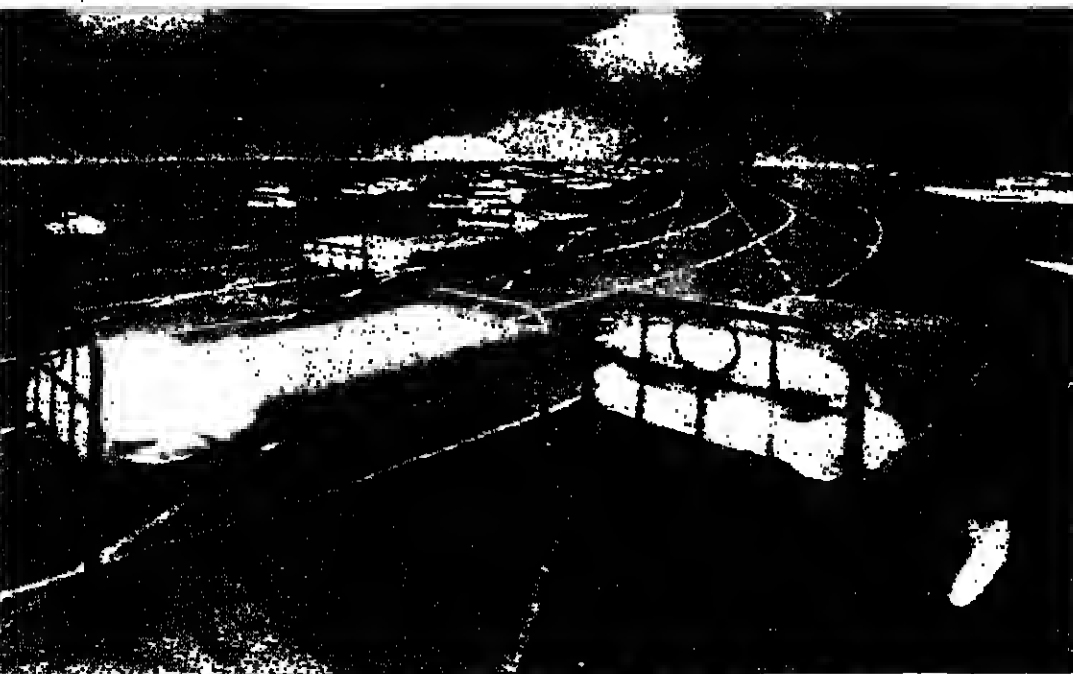
TANKS with troops loyal to Army Chief of Staff General Dante Caridi move among normal highway traffic on their way to the military school in Buenos Aires on Friday. The tanks were mobilised from the Magdalena military base 80 km south of Buenos Aires, to dissuade rebel Lieutenant Colonel Aldo Rico, who led a military rebellion last Easter and is now challenging the authority of Caridi, who said he would use "blood and fire if necessary" to suppress Rico and his supporters. (Reuter wirephoto)



A BLACK servant holding a funeral programme weeps outside a hall where about 1,000 people — all white — attended a service for her former boss, South African right-wing ex-cabinet minister Connie Mulder. (Reuter wirephoto)



PALESTINIAN women and children from an east Lebanon refugee camp surround Palestinian deportee Hussam Hadar near the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) headquarters in the village of Ksara in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley on Friday. Some 100 Palestinian women and children welcomed four Palestinians expelled from Israel on Wednesday. (Reuter wirephoto)



ABOUT 200 beds stand on the track of Munich's Olympic stadium late Thursday to promote an open-air concert of the British pop group "Pink Floyd" and their newest record "Momentary Lapse of Reason." (Reuter wirephoto)



BRITAIN'S Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher welcomes His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Boukiah Nu'izzab Din Waddaulah of Brunei on his arrival at her official residence in London at No.10 Downing Street for talks. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE top three finishers of the women's World Cup downhill (all Swiss) left to right: Michela Figini, 2nd; Maria Walliser, 1st; Brigitte Gertl, 3rd. (Reuter wirephoto)



A WOMAN carries a plastic basket on her head in the empty Belaire Market in Port-Au-Prince Haiti yesterday morning. The streets of the capital were mostly deserted after an opposition coalition opposing tomorrow's presidential elections called for a general strike and a boycott of the elections. (Reuter wirephoto)



SOVIET delegation to the Geneva disarmament talks address a press conference in Geneva on Friday. Left to right are: Alexey Obukhov head of the Soviet delegation, Eugeny Makeyev and Yury Nazarkine, delegate to the disarmament talks. (Reuter wirephoto)



MOTHER tapir Eve keeps a protective eye on her baby, Chico at the London Zoo. It was the baby's first trip outside since being born on December 29. The baby will only keep her stripes for six months before becoming brown in colour. (Reuter wirephoto)



THOUSANDS of students carrying banners and flags demonstrate through the streets of Rome yesterday protesting Israel's policy in the occupied territories. (Reuter wirephoto)

ART

Stonemasons transform 'screaming anachronism'

Gothic art in Harlem

By James L. Tyson

NEW YORK: Ruben Gibson chisels a medieval saint in limestone with a clear staccato ring, beating an unlikely refrain above his Harlem neighborhood.

Mr Gibson also carves gargoyles and other figures for the Cathedral of St John the Divine, bringing Gothic art from 12th-century Europe to this area, which includes Columbia University on one side, Morningside Park on the other, and overlooks Harlem and the rest of upper Manhattan.

Along with 14 other stonemasons from depressed New York City communities, he is part of renewed construction after a 38-year hiatus on the world's largest Gothic cathedral, dubbed by New Yorkers "St John the Unfinished."

For seven years Gibson has made a living sculpting birds, beasts, and vines into some of the 24,000 stones for the cathedral's two west towers as part of a \$30 million building project.

The stonemasons are transforming what the Right Rev. Paul Moore Jr. calls a "screaming anachronism" — the cathedral — into a "weave of social conscience with the historical, religious, and architectural aspects of Christianity."

The stonemasons' training and industry exemplify the

ideal of merging socialism with Christian tradition, says Bishop Moore, the bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. The cathedral, which already sponsors concerts, art exhibits, and resident artists like high-wire acrobat Philippe Petit, has sought to emulate a cathedral's traditional role in medieval Europe as the center of local culture and folk arts.

Church officials say the stonemasons, who come from local neighborhoods that annually benefit from some \$1 million worth of cathedral-sponsored social programmes, are giving something lasting to the community. Alan Bird, the British-born foreman of the project, recalls earlier workers "who died this century and last century dreaming that the cathedral would be complete." His aim is to ensure that the stonemasons continue that tradition of artistry.

Distance
From 1892 until 1911, stonemasons constructed a Romanesque crossing and high altar for the Harlem Heights cathedral. The death of the architect prompted a five-year hiatus and a switch to the Gothic style for the nave. Church leaders halted construction again in 1941 with the outbreak of World War II, and the cathedral sat neglected on its bluff overlooking Harlem until 1979.

With the high altar 601 feet from the rose window — nearly 200 feet farther than the distance from home plate to the centerfield wall at Yankee Stadium — most services are conducted in the crossing around a portable altar closer to the congregation. Above this altar the ceiling rises high enough to fit the 152-foot-tall Statue of Liberty under its central Romanesque dome.

Although Mr Bird says the unfinished cathedral is "too perpendicular and too well-proportioned and shaped" to match the irregular, "man made" beauty of its European counterparts, master stonemason Nicholas Fairplay adds that the "cathedral has energy because it's unfinished."

"It looks like a huge, growing organism," said Mr Fairplay, one of three Britons guiding the project. Cut and carved by local hands in three phases over nearly a century, the cathedral has avoided the "wedding cake" appearance of the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., scheduled for completion in 1989 after 82 years of construction, he says.

While the first builders of the cathedral shaped stone assembly-line fashion, the British artisans have encouraged their American apprentices to work with one block until its completion. In the carving shed, five sculptors consult photographs of European cathedrals, perhaps studying a dancing peasant woman at Cologne or a snarling lion at Chartres.

Then they critique one another's carving "to make sure we stay with the Gothic style," says Gibson, the senior journeyman stonemason. Chiseling in the Gothic motif, they create a wide variety of beasts, human figures, and plants.

The stonemasons, working in the large metal warehouse known as the cutting room, avoid the use of modern-day pneumatic drills and sanders. Instead, they shape the stone the way medieval workers did, by hand, using chisels, with each worker leaving his own distinctive fretting on the stone called "boasting."



Ruben Gibson carves stone details at New York City's St John the Divine Cathedral.

Bird agrees that the cathedral has helped many of the workers earn a steady living in the midst of bars ghetto life. But he says observers often "make a big deal about the theatrics of the church employing young people from this area who otherwise would be out of work."

"They're professionals, and there's no point getting so excited about their past," says Bird, who was also the master stonemason and foreman of a project to renew Wells Cathedral in Somerset, England.

"You don't want a cathedral to represent the kind of conveyor type of world people go to church to get away from," Bird says.

The journeymen stonemasons may leave a personal mark on the stone, but like the workers before them they probably will not see the cathedral completed. They plan to finish the south tower by St John's Day, Dec 27, 1992, 100 years after the ground-breaking, and put the last stone to the royal gallery and north tower in 1998.

But with the much larger north and south transepts and central tower still just part of the gift shop model, the work will go on well into the next century. Bird aims to start recruiting the children of the workers, particularly the nine-year-old son of Jose Tapia, the senior journeyman stonemason.

Surrounded by stonemasons chipping a way at rock in a quick, high melody, Mr Tapia, a 27-year-old resident of Spanish Harlem, says of his son: "I hope he picks it up — I pray to God he picks it up."

1988, The Christian Science Monitor.



The Federal Republic of Germany and the GDR are exchanging works of art 'evacuated' from their original art galleries or museums during World War II. Edward Munch's "Portrait of Dr. Linde," 1904, is to be returned from Munich to the GDR.

BONN: (DaD) The two German states are engaged in a comprehensive exchange of works of art. Museums and repositories in the Federal Republic of Germany are to return 140 paintings to the GDR, while 290 paintings are to be returned to the Federal Republic by the GDR. Paintings due to be exchanged are unofficially estimated to be worth DM200m.

Visitors to the Wiesbaden Stadisches Museum will soon be able to admire Tischbein's "Portrait of a Young Lady," which was evacuated from Hesse during the war, while Lukas Cranach the Elder's "Judgment of Paris" is to be returned to the Staatliche Galerie in Dessau, GDR. It was stored in Hesse as a World War II fire raid precaution.

The way was paved for the exchange in a minute to the May 1986 intra-German arts agreement. "The contracting parties declare themselves ready, within the means at their disposal, to seek solutions with regard to art treasures evacuated during the war." A Bonn government official in

Germans exchange displaced art works

charge of the arrangements says: "Everything is to be returned to its original location." The two sides agreed in November 1986 to an exchange of archive material. Paintings, drawings and prints are now to be exchanged, leaving sculpture and scientific collections relocated for safety's sake during the war to be returned to their original location.

As part of the exchange of paintings mainly second-rate works are to be returned to the Schlossmuseum in Darmstadt, the Wallraf-Richartz-Museum in Cologne and the Stadisches Museum in Wiesbaden. Works by Anselm Feuerbach and Lovis Corinth stand out among the westbound works of art. A number of very valuable works, including woodcuts by Albrecht Durer and paintings by Lukas Cranach the Elder, Edward and Max Liebermann,

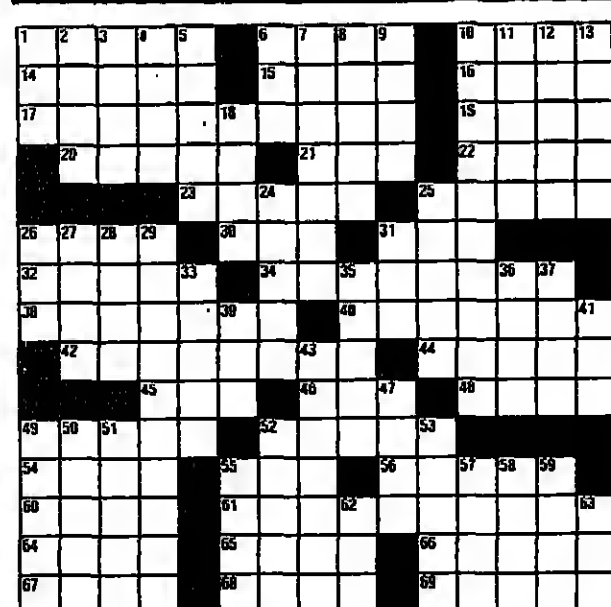
are to be returned to museums and galleries in the GDR. Critics in the Federal Republic of Germany have claimed that works to be returned to museums in the GDR are almost all paintings restored at great expense, whereas items to be returned to the West have in some cases been found on closer scrutiny at their GDR location, to be in very poor condition.

Exchanges of archive material have included the return of the document founding Rostock University to the Schwerin state archives and the return to Lubek of the 1226 letter patent in which Holy Roman Emperor Friedrich II granted the city freedom of the Reich. In another move a medieval altar by Bartel Bryn was returned to Cologne by the Weimar Schlossmuseum.



Building project foreman removes dust from stone carving.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Baubias
 - 8 Ripens
 - 10 Betsy or Diana
 - 14 Playwright Edward
 - 15 "La Douce"
 - 16 Golden Rule word
 - 17 Bath toy
 - 19 Oktoberfest quaff
 - 20 Dogie catcher
 - 21 Society page word
 - 22 Contentious item?
 - 23 Rich dessert
 - 25 Mister, in Madrid
 - 26 Baltic feeder
 - 30 Much-used article
 - 31 Showery mo.
 - 32 Harris' story-telling uncle
 - 34 Scraps
 - 38 Did acrobatics
 - 40 Indication of acceptance
 - 42 Itemize
 - 44 Rocky debris
 - 45 Slippery one
 - 46 Actress
- DOWN**
- 1 "Cheers" locale
 - 2 month
 - 3 Diplomat-author Eban
 - 4 Coming-out party VIPs
 - 5 Beholds, biblical style
 - 6 Halp
 - 7 Onkad
 - 8 Carson, for one
 - 9 Benalt
 - 10 Gawk
 - 11 Tear-jerker?
 - 12 Speed writer
 - 13 More annoyed
 - 18 Chear
 - 24 Valerie Harper role
 - 25 Pts. of birds
 - 26 Scrap
 - 27 Bible Book: Abbr.
 - 28 Poet Lazarus
 - 29 Latex source
 - 31 French soul
 - 33 Yearad
 - 35 Drab
 - 36 Rolling rubber
 - 37 Graf —
 - 39 Room addition
 - 41 Number for Retton
 - 43 Shake
 - 47 Nobelist Wiesel
 - 49 — and his money...
 - 50 Golf club
 - 51 Cosmetic plants
 - 52 Cat's rubber toy
 - 53 Milsuca
 - 55 In good shape
 - 57 Qualified
 - 58 Story
 - 59 Arthurian lady
 - 62 Wager
 - 63 Former governor of Algiers

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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ROBIN HIOE DOZE
ELECT ABIA LIRA
WATERCOLOR ORAN
EASE EGRESS
GRAUER SCRAE
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MONSTER ALBANIA
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STELAE TRIAN
TYRO COLORATURA
ALAR AMIN BYRON
METE TENO LENTO
PRIO ERIGO EISEN

GOREN BRIDGE

By Charles Goren and Omar Sharif

TRICK OR TREAT?

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 6 2
♥ 9
♦ A K Q J 9 7 6 2
♣ K 4

WEST
♠ 9 8 7 5 4
♥ A 7 6 2
♦ 8 3
♣ Q 10

EAST
♠ J 3
♥ Q 3
♦ S
♣ A J 9 8 7 6 5 3

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 10
♥ K J 10 8 5 4
♦ 10 4
♣ 2

The bidding:

South West North East

2 Pass 6 Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

Experts argue about the effectiveness of leading an ace against a slam. The conventional wisdom is that, if your opponents know what they are doing, they are unlikely to be off two fast tricks, so leading an ace is more likely to help than hinder them. Since you will catch only air with your ace, you could be assisting the enemy in setting up a suit.

That holds true for rubber bridge. But what about duplicate, where not cashing an ace could result in your going to bed with it? As a result, you might allow your opponents to score an overtrick and, perhaps, a top

score. More and more players are recommending that it is wise to take tricks while you can.

This hand is from a recent duplicate event, and the West hand was held by a professional programmer, bridge teacher and writer, Harold Feldheim of Hamden, Conn., who is among the proponents of leading an ace against a slam. Here he chose to ignore his own advice, and watch what happened.

South's two diamond opening bid was the Flannery convention, which usually shows specifically four spades and five hearts. There is no book to tell you how to handle freak hands, so North took a stab at the diamond slam.

On such a blind auction, there is much to recommend the lead of an ace, for the opponents might be off two fast tricks. However, the ace was in the opening bidder's announced long suit, so Feldheim shied away from it in favor of a club lead.

It might seem that that would make no difference. But when dummy's king lost to the ace, East elected to play his partner for a singleton club rather than declarer. After a club return, the rest of the tricks were the declarer's. Note that, had the lead been the ace of hearts, the club shift would have been easy to find.



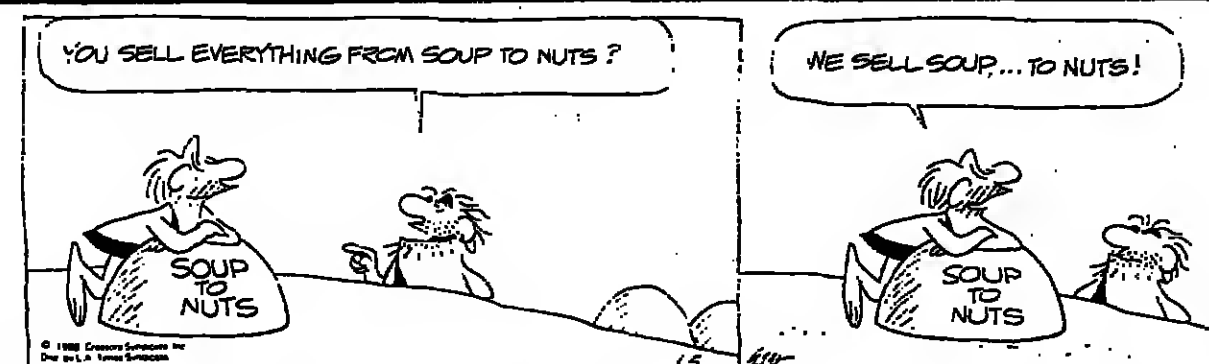
"Let me do the talking."

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18)

If you try to be too clever you could well be outwitted. You should do what has to be done today and then relax. Beware of spending more than you know you can afford. Be less obstinate.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should do all you can to increase harmony with your partner. If you act a little more slowly you will also act a little more surely. Try to show a fraction more goodwill towards others. Be resilient.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

There will be a tendency to jump to conclusions and many of them are liable to be wrong. You will have a bit of good luck but not quite in the way you had hoped.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You are under more positive influences and will be able to do something you have long wanted to do. You should do all you can to keep calm and not to make up your mind on the spur of the moment.

Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You would do well to attend to matters by yourself instead of entrusting them to others. If there is a misunderstanding it will most likely be because you have not made yourself clear.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You are subject to mixed influences and should avoid doing anything too adventurous. You will have something to be really pleased about.

Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You should try to get as much as possible done in the morning and then spend the rest of the day relaxing. You should make sure you do not take things for granted nor should you believe that all is as you would wish it to be.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You will meet someone much to your liking but you should not too soon drop your guard. Avoid gloomy thoughts or dwelling on the past. Make sure your partner does not feel dissatisfied with you. Be selective.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

The Moon's influence will help you to take a more positive attitude. You should not allow some rivalry to become an obsession. Have a little more faith in yourself and confidence in others. Be benevolent.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You should try to ensure that you do not do anything that would get on other people's nerves. Only when you think you have nothing more to learn are you too old to do so. You should not behave as though no one else but you mattered. Be loyal.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You will have something to be pleased about but you have no reason to become smug. You should keep an open mind towards change, welcoming instead of resisting it.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

Your mood will have its ups and downs and you should avoid doing anything rash. The more common sense you can bring to bear the better for you and those around you.



Imelda Hayasaki (18) with her Japanese husband Masaki (40) a week after their marriage.

Japanese men adapt Philippines ways

By Nao Nakanishi

OKURA, Japan. (Reuters): A Japanese village that has arranged 11 marriages between young women from the Philippines and lonely local bachelors has attracted nationwide attention from other communities where females are scarce.

But the village councillor who master-minded the campaign warns that many problems lurk behind the attempt to build cross-cultural marital bliss, especially when couples at first cannot even talk to each other.

"There is a danger of the Filipinas becoming prey to the money Japanese men have," match-making councillor Shigeo Mori said.

Okura village, in the mountains of northern Japan, has had over 300 enquiries from elsewhere in the country about the marriages.

Professional marriage-brokers are also interested.

"The Philippines is a multi-cultural society and young Filipina girls seem to decide to marry Japanese and come to Japan almost casually, as if it were only the next village," Mori said.

Realize

"Only later do they realize that their view of the kind Japanese men they first meet and their hopes for a higher standard of living are to some extent an illusion," he said.

But Mori and the rest of Okura village have put a lot of effort into making the women feel at home and so far there are no serious problems.

Nine out of the 11 women who have arrived in the past year are already pregnant.

"After overcoming the first difficulties, they have started to enjoy," Mori said.

"Everybody is very kind and I am happy," said Imelda Hayasaki, 18, who arrived in September from Bicol village in the north of the main Philippine island of Luzon, a week after meeting her 43-year-old husband there.

"Only the food and the language are difficult," she added as she knelt Japanese-style on the living room tatami mat, a cup of Japanese tea steaming in front of her.

She lives with her husband and parents-in-law in a farmhouse in the mountains above Okura, surrounded by fields and woods where she helps her husband.

Masaki, gather mushrooms and wild vegetables.

Okura and some other villages suffer a shortage of young local women because many leave home for the excitement and high salaries of city life.

With winter approaching, Imelda will soon see snow for the first time in her life.

Smiled

Masaki smiled happily and said Imelda had brightened up the family farmhouse. But he added: "Could you please explain my job to my wife and find out if she has any problems now?"

The first hurdle is language. Imelda speaks Tagalog and English, Masaki only Japanese. Books on how to learn all three are piled up around the room.

Another problem is how to come to terms with very different social customs.

Japanese like to throw drinking parties at which women are expected to drink sake rice wine, a traditional sign of affection.

Imelda is not impressed. "I do not like it and I feel attacked," she said.

She said Filipinas found it hard to understand why their husbands worked so hard and spent so little time relaxing.

"Japanese men are busy from morning to night, while Filipinos would take it more easy," she said.

Mori said struggles between young wives and mothers-in-law were probably fiercer than in usual in Japan because of the greater individuality of Filipinas.

He said a Filipina did not understand why her husband's mother made the family's financial decisions, including how to spend money that the young wife earned herself. Mothers-in-law also like to tell their daughters-in-law how to raise their children.

"The Filipinos also feel forlorn and lonely with only especially shy, closed and silent Japanese men," said Mori.

Religion is another issue. The 11 Filipinas are Roman Catholics and the village has no church.

Mori said they had discussed building one, but at the moment have to drive on Sundays to a church an hour and a half away.

But the husbands are doing their best to adapt to the strange ways of their wives, Mori said.

"They are even giving them flowers for their birthdays," he laughed.

Asian women are 'social' dirt, warns German

Filipinas face 'fake' weddings in Germany

FILIPINO women who are being lured by matchmakers into marriage with West Germans may be better off abandoning the prospect.

That they could be stepping into a life of degradation, enslavement and regret, as has been reported by the press many times before, is once again attested in by a West German.

Joachim Heimrath, 37, was in the Philippines recently to wage a personal campaign against so-called marriage bureaus, and to continue to urge the West German Government to do something about the problem.

Mr Heimrath, who recently met with members of the Stop Trafficking of Filipinas (STOP), says he was head of three language schools in Germany. But because of his campaign against the exploitation of Filipino women, he was "pressured" into leaving Germany.

His action, which included writing some 25,000 letters to political parties, politicians, institutions and individuals, has "embarrassed" his Government, says Mr Heimrath.

He says the German press used to be full of stories of Filipino and other Asian women falling into all sorts of sorry situations because of the matchmaking play. But such is no longer "hot" news as the stories have become commonplace.

He cautions Filipino women against believing the rosy picture that may be painted by other women who have gone to Germany to marry. "Of course no one would admit to leading a dog's life. Same girls get mentally broken," he says.

Claims

Mr Heimrath claims that in German society, marriage to a Filipina, an Asian, brings one several notches down in social status. "That is because our society looks at Asian women as 'dirty' socially." Thus a respectable German is not likely to go looking for an Asian bride if his intention is to treat her as his equal.

But why do marriage bureaus thrive?

Asians are now the attraction for Germans, according to Mr Heimrath. The clients are told



that the girls are "sexual acrobats."

At the same time, the man gets the assurance that his bride is a "virgin," although sexual prowess and virginity seem hard to reconcile.

But the underlying attraction probably lies in the fact that the wife-seeker is convinced he is getting someone to do his bidding from polishing his shoes to pleasing him in bed.

The so-called marital adjustment is one-way, says Mr Heimrath. It is the girl who has to fit into the man's life, whims and schedules and all.

Also, Filipino women are easy on the pocket. She only gets an allowance and only according to the husband's estimate of what she needs.

Mr Heimrath explains the German male's lack of sympathy for his Asian bride by the fact that Germans usually know nothing about life in the Third World. They do not appreciate the sacrifice an Asian woman makes when she leaves her country almost in desperation, only because she hopes to bail her family out of poverty or to give her younger siblings a better chance in life. "German men only know that Filipino women can be made to do anything," says Mr Heimrath.

Previous news reports on the mail-order bride business reveal that German men who seek a wife among Asians are usually middle-aged with set and conservative views on how spouses should relate to each other.

Usually, they are unable to find "suitable" partners among their compatriots, many of whom no longer want to put up with "doormat" treatment, say the reports.

Besides, Mr Heimrath adds, a foreigner is easier to boot out of the house when she no longer fills a need or stops conforming to one's wishes. About 50 per cent of mixed marriages end up in divorce, he says.

Worse still, everything works against the foreigner spouse. Because she became a German citizen only by virtue of her marriage, divorce strips her of her citizen status and with this her rights. If there are children, they go to the husband. "Whatever you do, you're stuck," Mr Heimrath points out.

Immigration laws also work in the men's favour. Foreigners can enter and stay in Germany for three months without a visa. So within this period, a German spouse-seeker can make up his mind if the girl he "bought" from the matchmaker or marriage bureau is worth marrying. Otherwise, he can "kick her out and the police finish the job by expelling the girl from the country."

A STOP member has pointed out that non-requirement of a visa works against the girls since the Philippine embassy could not trace them unless they themselves volunteer a visit to the embassy.

Mr Heimrath, who undertook his own investigation of marriage bureaus in Germany by posing as a customer, admonishes Filipino women "to have more pride in themselves" by rejecting the bed-of-roses kind of life wangled by these entities.

Some Germans who set up marriage bureaus lead the women to believe that theirs is a respectable agency. One bureau head which Mr Heimrath "did business with" he says, is actually a soft drinks delivery man.

He also reveals that match-making agents usually have a Filipina for a wife. One agent he approached had a sister-in-law in the Philippines who did the recruiting.

Mr Heimrath, in fact, got started on his anti-matchmaking crusade when he helped one

Filipina recruit of the couple to escape a ruinous fate. A school-teacher in Metro-Manila, the woman was told by the agent's local contact that Filipino women are needed for office work in Germany.

She might have to enter into a fake marriage to prolong her stay, she was told, but she will not be forced into co-habiting if she does not want to. Anyway, as she will be provided with two-way air tickets, she can always fly back to the Philippines if things do not turn out to her liking.

When the woman reached Germany, the Filipina who promised to meet her was away somewhere "on important business." The woman was herded to the house of her prospective "husband" who luckily had a sister in the house who somehow was a deterrent to any ill intentions. The newcomer felt lost and wretched, however, especially as no one would or could talk to her in English. It was then that her husband agreed to enroll her in Mr Heimrath's language school.

Hearing all kinds of "improbable tales" from the "husband", Mr Heimrath decided to believe the girl and to help her.

The return air ticket is useless if a girl doesn't know where she is, cannot speak the language, has no money. As in the girl's case, the airport is usually miles away from where the women are deposited," he explains. To "buy" the girl her freedom, Mr Heimrath (who says he felt ashamed "that my people should treat women like a piece of meat") had to pay the agent 6,000 deutsche marks (US\$2,900), part of which is supposedly to pay damages to the previous "owner." The agent also told him that "each girl is told she is expected to sleep with a German."

In issuing the check to pay for the girl, however, Mr Heimrath intentionally made an error so that it bounced. The marriage agent took the case to the police which went after Mr Heimrath for fraud. But he defended his transgressions thus: "When a contract (such as the sale of human beings) is immoral, it is not binding."

SNIPPETS

Constable shot dead outside Subic

OLONGAPO — Suspected communist guerrillas shot dead a Filipino constable outside a US military base near here, and one of the assassins was shot dead by police later, police said.

Paramilitary Constable Willie Abundo was on a bus passing by the Subic naval base and was believed to have been shot by one of three co-passengers wielding pistols, according to policemen in Subic town near this city north-west of Manila.

The suspects jumped off the bus and were pursued by Subic police, who killed one of them and captured another. The third escaped with the constable's automatic rifle. AFP.

23 die as rebels go on rampage

TWENTY-THREE persons were killed in a series of insurgency-related incidents over the three days, including a spectacular pre-dawn raid by communist rebels on the military detachment and town hall of Pidig, Ilocos Norte.

New People's Army rebels swooped down on the Pidig town hall, killing an officer — nine days after he took command of the local detachment — and three of his men. The rebels fled at the break of dawn after a five-hour gunbattle where they suffered at least four casualties.

It was the bloodiest three-day period so far on the communist rebel front this year, compounding the already violent nationwide campaign for the Jan 18 local elections.

Increase in jobless rate

THE country's labour force stood at 23,317,000 of whom 20,854,000 were employed and 2,463,000 were unemployed as of July 1987, according to the Department of Labour and Employment (DOLE).

This translated into an employment rate of 89.4 per cent and an unemployment rate of 10.6 per cent.

The report which was prepared by the Bureau of Labour and Employment Statistics was submitted to Labour Secretary Franklin M. Drilon, who had ordered a status report of the employment of the country as guideline of the DOLE in its local and overseas employment programme.

Economy recovers steadily

THE Philippines' gross national product (GNP) rose 6.82 per cent in the third quarter to P21,579 billion continuing an economic recovery which began in 1986, the Central Bank (CB) has said.

Gross domestic product (GDP) also rose to P21,872 billion, up 5.4 per cent from 20,751 billion pesos (997 million dollars) in third quarter of 1986, the bank said in reports issued late Wednesday.

GNP in the third quarter was up from P20,202 billion in the same period last year, the bank said.

The bank figure also showed an \$84 million-dollar surplus in the balance of payments (BOP), compared with an \$8 million dollar deficit in the third quarter of 1986.

But the latest figure was slightly lower than the \$85-million BOP surplus registered in the first half of 1987.

The current account balance showed a \$219 million deficit, down from a \$286 million surplus in the third quarter last year. The decrease was due largely to imports which jumped to \$1.89 billion from \$1.239 billion in the third quarter of last year, according to the documents.

However, exports also rose to \$1,499 billion from \$1,262 billion in the comparable period last year.

Capital accounts also improved with a net in-flow of \$202 million this year — there was a \$339 million outflow last year — while gross international reserves grew to \$2,111 million from \$1,710 million in the third quarter of 1986.

Reserve money rose to P49,739 billion in September this year, from P39,514 billion in the comparable period last year, according to the documents.

The peso depreciated 0.7 per cent with the exchange rate at P20.60 to the dollar in September.

Domestic inflation meanwhile rose by an average rate of 6.3 per cent in the third quarter of 1987, compared to the negative 1.4 per cent inflation in comparable period last year.

Eating the kamayan way

By Ross De Leon

EATING with one's bare hands is a tradition deep in the history of the Filipinos. However, it did not fare well with the Spanish *conquistadores* who came to the islands in 1521. Along with a host of other practices, eating with bare hands was considered uncivilized by the colonizers who tried to put an end to the practice.

For centuries, eating with the hands was ignored and merely consigned to the rural areas, among the working class and the poverty-stricken masses. Then it would become part of picnics, eating by the beach or under a tree. In a formal dining room, it was unthinkable.

It took Tito Eduque to bring back the glory of eating, the *kamayan* way. It was an idea that came up during a party on August 26, 1977 and Eduque, sportsman that he is, could not resist the challenge. By then, five-star hotels were on the rise so with restaurants specializing on Filipino dishes.

For Eduque and his companions — Jose and Lita Baltazar, his nephew, Vic Vic Villa-

vicencio and daughter, Tootsie E. Marco — the challenge of establishing a restaurant offering native cuisine was too much to resist. Eating without the silverware was definitely a bold approach, for it meant breaking a habit, going against some accepted norm. But a little mistake could make it look like transgressing hallowed grounds or defying a tradition for the sake of looking different. Villavicencio for one, gave their venture a six-month lease to survive. However, even before the sixth-month was reached, the group knew that they had made it. The courageous move — the return to a historic past in Filipino dining — was accepted with enthusiasm and without question.

The approach was cautious and the first dishes served were not the messy ones like the broiled, grilled, roasted or fried varieties. When the patrons started looking for *kare-kare*, *sinigang*, etc., Eduque's group succumbed. Today, *Kamayan* can lay claim to being the first, the original, and Eduque can very well be the "King of *Kamayan*." He once lorded it over the hardcourt both as a valuable athlete and

coach. In the restaurant, he brings the same "dedication and meticulous planning" for which he was well-known in sports.

The originality of the concept extends to the menus expertly organized by Villavicencio. Nevertheless, any member of the *Kamayan* family is conscious of having eyes and ears alert when it comes to discovering unheard of, exotic regional dishes. No native dish is too grand or too lowly at *Kamayan* "where even ordinary food is transformed into fiesta fare." Businessman, sportsman and chef all rolled into one, Villavicencio is responsible for continuously testing, developing and improving the restaurant's menu. A certain taste, a unique presentation, a perfect ambience became the hallmarks of *Kamayan*'s service.

The reputation established by the restaurant rests on two important factors: the food — reheating, re-cooking, pre-mixed or pre-cooked ingredients is not even thought of; and the service — the staff should always be treated and paid well so they will give their best to their work.

Some of Imelda's famous shoes are on display, including a pair with battery-powered, flashing lights built into the 7.5-centimeter (three-inch) spike heels.

Ms Quires said 1,060 pairs of Imelda's shoes — all size eight or eight-and-a-half — were found in the palace. The 3,000 figure widely reported was wrong, she said.

"Maybe that was the number she had around the country altogether," she said.

Imelda loved to preach "Buy Filipino." But she did not practice this. All but five pairs of her shoes found in the palace were foreign made.

There were the bulletproof vests Marcos wore and the bulletproof corsets for Imelda.

A 50,000-dollar ermine opera coat hangs from one rack. Five silver fox stoles sit on a shelf.

One storeroom has scores of perfume boxes and hundreds of small, gift-wrapped packages Ms Quires said also contain perfume.

"Imelda always bought many of everything so she would have giveaways," she explained.

They contain rack after rack of unopened shirts for Marcos and

Home is the best for Filipino maids

By Ding T. Marcelo

LOTTA PETALCORIN had a lot of things going for her. She is pretty, has a good education, and her family in Bohol is respected in the community, her mother having served as undefeated mayor in one of the towns there.

But Lotta, 29, was restless. She wanted adventure. She wanted to go abroad. Then an opportunity presented itself when a family friend told her they were recruiting maids to work in Singapore.

Lotta thought this was the chance she was looking for. She sold her thriving restaurant business, said goodbye to her mother and two sisters and a brother, and boarded a plane for Singapore.

"When I was in Bohol," she recounted, "I had my own maid. Someone did errands for me, washed my clothes, cooked my food. I practically did not do anything except study, and then later, manage the restaurant."

Lotta had two employers in Singapore. The first one she left because they did not comply with the contract that allowed her a day off every two weeks.

"I told them I would complain to the authorities," she said. "I read the contract and I knew my rights."

Perhaps to avoid trouble, her employers decided to let her go. Her second job lasted six months. Now, Lotta is on her way home. She is on board the same plane that Leonida Raquel has taken. Lotta was telling those around that she wasn't home for good yet, that she was just going home for Christmas.

Lotta says her second employer was not really bad. She liked them. She had come to see them as her family. In turn, she says, they treat her like one of them.

"The only trouble is that I don't like my job anymore," she says.

According to Lotta, her job was to take care of an 80-year-old bed-ridden family patriarch who had suffered a stroke.

"They are rich," she explains "and the man I looked after was apparently the source of the family's good fortunes."

At first, she says, she took her job seriously. But after a few months, she got tired of it all. She disliked the idea of having to stay in Singapore to help an 80-year-old take a bath, clean his bedding, attend to his toilet needs and feed him.

There were times, she recalls, when the old man even tried to make a pass at her. On many instances, she also saw the old man playing with his "thing," occasions which seemed to happen just when she would be entering his room.

"But it was considered by everyone in the family as good nature fun and I also considered it that way. After all, what else can he do?" she said.

But soon the routine got boring. Lotta says.

She mentions that the accommodations were not bad, she had all the food she wanted to eat, all the fruits she could gorge.

"I got fat in that house," she laughs.

But there was something missing, she says. She wanted to enjoy her stay. She wanted to have fun. And taking care of an old man, who stayed in the house all day was not much fun.

"I did for that man what I never did for my father," Lotta says. "I sometimes feel guilty about it."

So Lotta told her employers she wanted to have a nice stay in Singapore, and that if they didn't mind, she wanted to look for another job, another employer.

Her employers were saddened. They had come to like the way she treated the old man. They offered to increase her salary from 250 Singapore dollars to 350.

But she told them she was not in Singapore for the money.

Anyway, she says her employers told her, the final decision was hers. They were willing to take her in again should she change her mind.

Lotta says she really does not know whether she will go back to Singapore. Her mother had been asking her to come back home and stay here permanently.

"We were talking long distance practically once every week," she says.

Her mother had been against her going to Singapore. She's worried about what their neighbours and friends would say. They might think we cannot afford to buy food, and that's why you're going to work as a domestic, her mother would say.

But Lotta assured her there was nothing to worry about. She simply wanted to live her life the way she saw fit.

Now that she is home, what does she really want to do?

"I don't know, perhaps get married," she said.

Imelda's treasure trove still big attraction

By James W. Hatton

MANILA, Philippines. (AP): Thousands of Filipinos pass through the lavishly decorated Malacanang palace every weekend to catch a glimpse of the treasure trove that Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos left behind.

The fountain-size perfume bottles, silver fox stoles and shoes Mrs Marcos bought in immense quantity can still be seen nearly two years after the Marcoses hastily fled to exile in Hawaii.

Not all 54 rooms and 35 bathrooms are open to the public. But enough are shown to give visitors a view of a lifestyle of unimaginable wealth, distance and, for the most part, plain bad taste.

The two-storey, white stucco residence where the Marcoses lived during his 20-year rule lies by the passing river in the heart of Manila. It was home to 14 Spanish governors-general, 13 American civil governors and nine Philippine presidents starting with Manuel L. Quezon in 1935.

The palace, the seat of power

in the Philippines, is still used for state dinners, weekly cabinet meetings and other official functions.

But president Corason Aquino chose not to live there when she was swept to power in the February 1986 "people power" revolution that ousted Marcos. Her office is in an anteroom of the building where Marcos held court.

Mrs Aquino kept a campaign promise and turned the presidential residence into a museum.

So every Saturday, when admission is free, about 5,000 curious Filipinos troop in for a look at how the Marcoses once lived.

Every weekday, except when the cabinet meets Wednesday, hourlong guided tours are available for 200 pesos (10 dollars), courtesy of the non-profit Museo NG Malacanang that Mrs Aquino created to preserve the building.

About 400 to 500 people, mostly foreigners, are escorted through the palace daily, according to tour guides Dianna Quires and Eupenia Page.

Malacanang was built in 1720

when Spain ruled the Philippines. Many of the floors are covered with thick red carpet — others are polished hardwood. Pictures of past presidents adorn the walls in gilt-edged frames. Large, sparkling, imported chandeliers hang from the ceilings.

All the windows are bullet-proof.

At the end of one room are doors made of coloured plastic, bearing images of the Marcoses as they saw themselves — "Beautiful Imelda" and "Strong Ferdinand."

A dozen works of the American painter Grandma Moses adorn one hallway.

The Marcoses boasted of their good health, but their bedrooms contain massive oxygen bottles and other medical equipment that suggest otherwise.

Imelda inhaled oxygen frequently, thinking it would keep her young, Ms Quires said. There is a hospital room on the ground floor, with a dialysis machine, an adjoining laboratory and a dental office next door.

Marcos had a kidney illness that "probably began in 1984," Ms Quires said. He also occasionally took steroids.

The bedrooms, on the upper floor are large, dark, gloomy places. The large-screen television set, expensive stereo system, huge perfume bottles and the double-queen-size bed in Imelda's room, which she claimed was patterned after the bedroom of Marie Antoinette, do not make it seem howey or comfortable.

"There also was a grand piano in here but it was taken out," Ms Quires said.

A home computer on a table near Marcos' bed was not connected to the outside world, contrary to popular belief, she said.

The bedroom has a secret passageway in case Marcos needed to escape from the palace.

The kitchen on the ground floor is modern, with a dozen or so brightly polished copper pots and pans hanging on the wall. But it is the storerooms on the ground floor that fascinate most visitors.

They contain rack after rack of unopened shirts for Marcos and

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Norway and Soviet Union discuss oil cooperation

OSLO, Jan 16, (Opecna): Norway and the Soviet Union, both non-Opec oil producers, might look into ways of establishing oil cooperation, though a closer examination of the subject was necessary, according to Egil Hille, spokesman at the Norwegian Ministry of Oil and Energy. He told Opecna today that although the question was raised at a meeting here this morning between Norwegian Oil and Energy Minister Arne Oeien and his visiting Soviet counterpart Vasily Dinkov, nothing "solid" was decided.

"Discussions on the subject of oil cooperation between Norway and the Soviet Union was actually more in the nature of thinking aloud," he said, adding that although the Soviet visitor had expressed an interest in secondary recovery techniques, the oil extraction scene varied in the two countries.

"Our oil activities are primarily offshore, while those of the Soviet Union are land-bound," he said.

Dinkov is currently here accompanying Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov, who is on a three-day official visit.

The Soviet minister was also reported to have proposed an exchange of information with Norway on developments in the oil market.

Austrian aid to Third World 'gloomy'

VIENNA, Jan 16, (Opecna): Official Austrian development aid to Third World countries was described here today as 'gloomy' by Erich Andrik, director of the Vienna Institute for Development.

In an interview with Opecna, Andrik said unless enough funds were raised, the current development assistance rate of 0.21 per cent of GNP would 'nose-dive' to 0.12 per cent next year.

The United Nations set a target of 0.70 per cent of a country's GNP in 1975, which, he said, Opec countries have exceeded the UN level many times over.

Earlier, Austria's Foreign Minister Alois Mock stated that Austria had fallen far behind in development aid and needed to improve its performance.

The Austrian Press Agency (APA) quoted him as telling a press conference that Austria was last among OECD donor nations.

Responding to a question about the country's representation in Africa, the minister said direct aid was given to the poorest of the poor in Third World countries.

According to Mock, "food and emergency aid together with contributions to education" are more vital.

Ms Waltraud Horvath, an Austrian member of parliament, called here on Wednesday for a substantial increase in Austrian budget funds for development aid and urged a separation between aid and export credits by the government to Austrian firms.

Horvath, who is also a member of the Foreign Ministry's development aid council, criticised plans for restructuring development aid.

Chinese city offers business opportunity to foreigners

BEIJING, Jan 16, (AP): The Chinese coastal city of Fuzhou has announced that foreign businessmen will be allowed to buy or hold shares in some state-owned enterprises, a newspaper said today.

The official China Daily said foreigners have never before been invited to own part or all of a Chinese state-run business.

City Communist Party Secretary Yuan Qilong was quoted as having said yesterday that foreign businessmen may buy shares in large state-owned corporations and can appoint their own managers. They also will be encouraged to buy small- and medium-sized enterprises, he said.

Yuan said the city would auction off both poorly managed and money-making enterprises.

The decision to invite foreign participation in state-owned firms came after Communist Party General Secretary Zhao Ziyang visited the city earlier this month and urged local officials to "open wider" in promoting economic reforms.

Weekly Wall Street report

Computer-driven stock trading back in spotlight

NEW YORK, Jan 16, (AP): Three months after the crash of 1987, the controversy over computer-driven stock trading remains as intense as ever on Wall Street.

After the stockmarket sent a chill through the investment world with a sharp drop on Jan 8, critics said programme traders were to blame. The New York Stock Exchange decided this past week to experiment with curtailing programme activity in sessions when the market experiences wide swings.

Trepidation
After the Dow Jones industrial average rose 113 points in the first four sessions of 1988, and then fell 140 the next day, many Wall Streeters began the past week in a mood of trepidation.

As it turned out, the big drop wasn't the immediate prelude to a reply of Black Monday Oct 19. Nevertheless, many analysts felt less than a sense of total relief.

"This volatility is getting to us all," said Greg Smith at Prudential-Bache Securities in his current commentary on the market.

In Smith's view, the wide swings stem in part from the fact that "financial technology has gotten ahead of the market's ability to digest the massive changes computers can create."

"It reminds me of the practice of medicine, where medical technology has, for the moment, outstripped the legal and ethical code of the profession, and debates rage about how best to deal with what the technology can accomplish," he said.

Incapacitated
Philip Erlanger, chief technical analyst at the firm of Advest Inc., argues that trading strategies using stock index futures and other derivative products "have 'seriously incapacitated' the primary functions of the stock market."

The market exists, he observes, to provide capital for business and to allow individual investors to participate in the growth of those businesses.

"The volatility of stock prices, caused by portfolio insurance and index arbitrage, has closed numerous corporate finance operations and curtailed the

activity of many others," he contends. "The morale of individual investors has been more than sieged."

The past week went into the books as the crash that didn't happen. In fact, aided by news of an improvement in the nation's trade balance, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 44.76 to 1,956.07.

Gained
The NYSE's Composite Index gained 4.13 to 141.16; the American Stock Exchange Market Value Index 1.87 to 268.31, and the Nasdaq Composite Index for the over-the-counter market 1.67 to 340.14.

Big Board volume averaged 163.45 million shares a day, against 186.74 million the week before.

Meanwhile the announcement by the Commerce Department that the November deficit fell to \$13.2 billion from 17.6 billion in October electrified traders, giving them some of the best news since the October stock market crash.

The Dow Jones average, which had dropped 8.62 points

on Thursday, shot up more than 50 points in hectic trading as the market opened. It held around that level until the final half hour, when it slipped a bit in the final 30 minutes to close up 39.96 points at 1,956.07.

Broader market indexes also rose sharply. Stocks rising in price outnumbered falling issues by about 5-to-1 on the New York Stock Exchange.

"A lot of guys were gambling it was going to go the other way. They only had a 50-50 chance of being right," said Robert O'Toole, manager of over-the-counter trading at Shearson Lehman Brother Inc. in New York.

The markets have been obsessed with the monthly trade statistics because it is perceived as one of the most visible measurements of American economic health and competitiveness, with profound effects on interest rates, consumer buying, manufacturing and employment.

In US bond-market trading, the Treasury's key 30-year issue jumped about \$25 per \$1,000 in face amount by late afternoon. Its yield, which moves inversely

to price and is an important signal of interest rate trends, dropped 8.76 per cent from 9.02 per cent late Thursday.

The most dramatic immediate reaction was in the foreign-exchange markets, where brokers scrambled to buy dollars. In New York, the US currency climbed to nearly 131 Japanese yen, up more than 4 yen from late Thursday. The dollar also advanced to nearly 1.69 West German marks, up from 1.63 late Thursday.

America's relentless trade deficits have put tremendous pressure on the dollar, which has fallen by 50 per cent against the yen and lost significant value versus other major currencies in the past three years.

Devaluation
The dollar's devaluation has raised prospects for higher inflation and aroused fears of foreign flight from US securities. But Friday's trade numbers suggested the dollar could start rising again, inciting heavy demand for the currency. This eased inflation pressure and helped rally stocks and bonds.

Congress may cut spending

US budget deficit estimated to near \$165b

WASHINGTON, Jan 16, (AP): Early estimates by the Congressional budget office indicate that next year's US government budget deficit could approach \$165 billion, Congressional aides said yesterday.

The preliminary projection, if true, could mean that Congress will have to come up with more spending reductions and revenue increases than they thought would be necessary.

Projections
The budget office, which studies the economy and the budget for Congress, sent its latest projections for economic performance to congressional committees last week.

The estimates will be adjusted in the next few weeks as economic statistics for late 1987 become available. The new numbers will provide a more complete picture of the effect the Oct 19 stock market crash has had on

the economy.

Congressional staff workers, who asked not to be identified, said the preliminary economic figures would produce a fiscal 1989 deficit in the \$155 billion to \$165 billion range. Fiscal 1989 begins Oct 1.

The administration's office of management and budget said last week that it estimated the 1989 deficit will be \$136 billion—exactly enough to meet the requirement of the Gramm-Rudman budget-balancing law.

Designed
Before leaving for its month-long Christmas recess in December, Congress passed legislation designed to reduce the deficit by \$76 billion over the next two years. The bills were a product of the budget summit agreement reached between Reagan and Congressional leaders following the stock market plunge.

Meanwhile, the US industrial

output climbed 5.2 per cent in 1987, almost five times the previous year's gain and the best showing for American industry since 1984, the government reported yesterday.

The big rebound, analysts said, was brought about by the weaker dollar, which has made American goods competitive once again on overseas markets.

Output
The US Federal Reserve said production at American factories, mines and utilities edged up just 0.2 per cent in December as widespread gains in many industries were offset by a sharp drop in the production of autos.

The December advance followed gains of 0.4 per cent in November and 1.1 per cent in October.

Even with the slower advance last month, the improvement for the year was 5.2 per cent, the best

yearly performance since a 6.2 per cent rise in 1984.

Industrial production rose only 1.1 per cent in 1986 following a 2.2 per cent gain in 1985, two years when American manufacturers were battered by stiff foreign competition.

In a separate report yesterday, the Commerce Department said that the US trade deficit narrowed to \$13.2 billion in November as US exports surged to a record level of \$23.8 billion.

Analysts said they expect further healthy increases in industrial production in the New Year as American producers continue to benefit from the boom in exports.

"Our smokestack industries are coming back to life, mainly due to export demand," said David Jones, an economist with Aubrey G. Lanston and Co., a government bond dealer in New York.

EEC officials to discuss Gulf cooperation pact

BAHRAIN, Jan 16, (Reuters): Two European Economic Community officials will visit Saudi Arabia this week for talks on political and economic cooperation with Gulf nations, a Western diplomat in Riyadh said today.

The diplomat did not identify the officials but said they would arrive on Friday. "The officials' mandate will be mainly political," he said.

A cooperation accord between the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and Community was first suggested at a meeting of Community foreign ministers last November.

Claude Cheysson, EEC commissioner for North-South relations, said at the time an accord could start with commitments by both sides not to introduce new trade barriers, plus steps to boost political, industrial and scientific cooperation.

EEC proposes to allow banks to operate across borders

BRUSSELS, Jan 16, (AP): The European Economic Community yesterday proposed to allow banks to operate across national borders as part of its broader campaign to abolish internal frontiers by 1992.

The EEC Executive Commission, which drew up the plan, said it represents "a very important step" toward creating a borderless Europe.

Lord Cockfield, the EEC trade commissioner, told a news conference he hoped the plan would be adopted by the member governments by the end of this year and implemented by the end of 1990.

He said the most innovative feature of the proposal was the establishment of a Community license that would allow banks to operate throughout the 12-nation trading bloc.

A bank authorised to operate in one EEC country automatically would be entitled to set up branches elsewhere in the common market without separate authorisation from the

host country, Cockfield said.

Non-EEC banks wishing to operate in the EEC, he said, would have to satisfy not only the legal requirements of the host country but also EEC demands for reciprocity.

Currently, any bank established in one EEC country must apply for authorisation from all the other countries in which it wants to conduct business. It is subsequently subject to the laws of the host country.

Subject
Branch banks would be subject to the laws of the country in which their home office is situated, rather than to those of the host country.

Cockfield said home country control, mutual recognition and harmonisation of banking regulations were the "essential principles" on which the plan was based.

An EEC banking license, he said, would be valid for a range of activities, including trading in securities, managing portfolios, leasing and handling loans and

deposits.

The plan proposed a series of operational standards, such as minimum capitalisation requirements, record keeping and disclosure of corporate information. Involvement in non-banking activities would be limited to a maximum of 50 per cent of the bank's own funds.

Cockfield said the EEC "must absolutely protect its position" in the current round of world trade liberalisation talks and therefore the new banking rules would not be applied to non-EEC banks.

The existing rules under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade apply only to trade in goods. Extending those rules to cover trade in services is a major issue in the current round of GATT trade negotiations.

Cockfield said the Commission will be making further proposals before Easter on bank's solvency requirements, which, together with existing legislation, would complete EEC regulation in the banking sector.

London Stock Exchange offers computer services for members

LONDON, Jan 16, (UPI): The London Stock Exchange announced today it is moving deeper into computer-based services for member firms and customers with a new screen for checking and matching deals in international shares.

London already claims to be the world's leading market in non-domestic shares.

Turnover

Daily turnover can approach £900 million (\$1.62 billion) a day. The new checking service, known as "equal", is being introduced to speed up and simplify the checking of deals, which can range from £100,000 (\$180,000) to over £1 million (\$1.80 million) at a time.

At the moment, deals are confirmed in a number of ways, including telex messages. But frequent discrepancies with unmatched bargains running into "tens of millions of pounds" create "an extremely worrying problem," the exchange said.

To speed up the confirming of a deal and eliminate risks, equal will enable a bargain to be

checked within as little as 5 minutes.

The system can also be used for automatic reporting of deals required under regulation rules.

By the time equal goes into effect at the end of this year, some £7 million (\$12.6 million) will have been invested by the stock exchange.

API warns of US oil shortage

WASHINGTON, Jan 16, (Reuters): An oil industry official said yesterday that prices would remain volatile over the next several years amid rising demand and falling US production, which could leave America vulnerable to another shortage.

The prediction came as the American Petroleum Institute (API) issued a year-end report which showed an increase in US oil demand and imports for 1987, while domestic production fell to its lowest level in a decade.

Sharper
The report suggests that sharper rises in US oil imports and a domestic production drop during 1986 were the beginning of a trend and not aberrations caused by chaos in the oil markets, as some analysts had thought, said Edward Murphy, API director of finance, accounting and statistics.

"Obviously there is a great deal of uncertainty about the future direction of energy markets," Murphy told reporters.

"But it is clear from what occurred last year that both the US demand and US supply of petroleum are continuing to react sharply to the drop in prices

which occurred in 1986."

Analysis has said that a major factor depressing oil prices or keeping them in check has been the world's ample spare production capacity, estimated at about 11 million barrels a day two years ago, which is in excess of last year's actual global output of 55.7 million barrels a day.

Shrink
Murphy predicted that the world's spare capacity, nearly all of which is within the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), would shrink to about 5.5 million barrels a day within three to five years.

At that point "the probability of shortages and price increases, similar to what we experienced in the 1970s, increases substantially," Murphy said.

"Our energy future is going to be strictly a function of what happens in the Opec organisation," he added.

Opec's official production ceiling is 16.6 million barrels a day, but it has the capacity to produce about 27.5 million barrels daily, Murphy said. There is currently very little spare production capacity elsewhere in

the world, he said.

In its year-end statistical report, the API said US oil consumption rose 1.8 per cent last year to 16.6 million barrels per day. In 1986, it said demand rose by 3.5 per cent.

The demand increase covered all petroleum products except residual fuel, which fell 11.6 per cent to 1.3 million barrels per day as electric power plants and industrial users switched to cheaper fuels, the API said.

Meanwhile, in London the Amerasia Hess oil company expects a decrease in its North Sea oil output due to natural production declines, its board chairman Leon Hess said.

He said in the future oil developments in the North Sea would likely be limited to smaller fields.

The oil price decline of 1986 reduced capital and operating expenditures of the company, he said, adding that measures were taken to maximise the cost effectiveness on ongoing activities.

Despite the prospect of continuing short-term oil price volatility on world markets, the price outlook in the long run had improved, he said.

Indonesia sticks to tin output quota

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 16, (Opecna): Indonesia, now the world's second largest tin producer, has always adhered to output quotas as set by the Association of Tin Producing Countries (ATPC), according to Sudjatmiko, president of Tambang Timah, the state tin company.

Sudjatmiko, who attended a meeting of ATPC's executive board in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, categorically denied that Indonesia had gone beyond its yearly quota of 24,516 tonnes of tin as fixed under an agreement by the association.

The meeting, which ended yesterday, evaluated the association's quota system introduced in March last year and discussed preparations for the next ministerial ATPC conference.

ATPC believes that by limiting the overall tin output of its members to 96,000 tonnes a year, it can strengthen world prices.

Total ATPC tin output currently accounts for 65 per cent of world production.

World Business Summary

US banks wrestling with Third World loans

ANN ARBOR, Michigan, Jan 16, (Reuters): US regional banks, still wrestling with precarious loans to Latin America, say they have no intention of lending more money to developing countries anytime soon. "We have become increasingly hardened in our views on new debt," William Flynn, senior vice president of the National Bank of Detroit's international division, said yesterday at a conference on Third World debt. Flynn praised the passing of the old practice of US banks acting in unison to reschedule developing-country debt to a new trend of individual banks independently choosing their own methods of dealing with problem loans. "One of the initial difficulties we had was accepting the concept of fair share and that all the banks were in this together," Flynn said. Flynn said regional banks, defined as major banks outside New York City and California, were responsible for 35 per cent of developing-country loans, while money centres held 65 per cent on their books. Flynn said the interests of the biggest, so-called money centre banks and those of the regionals were very divergent in continued lending to the Third World. Since the foreign debt crisis erupted in 1982, banks have been dealing with the problem by lending new money to indebted nations could service interest payments. But last year debtors and creditors became more open in a so-called menu of options, including exit bonds, debt-equity swaps, and a new Mexican bond swap plan.

"The old collective vision in dealing with the debt crisis was the banks, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank pushing together," Geoffrey Bell, chairman of London-based Guinness Mahon Bank, told the conference. "Now we are seeing people go in different directions." Starting in May, Citicorp made a large addition to its developing-country debt reserve, pressuring others to do the same.

In December, regional US banks began a second round of reserve additions.

Austria imports more oil products than crude

VIENNA, Jan 16, (Opecna): During January-November 1987, Austria imported 26.2 per cent more oil products but 29 per cent less crude oil, compared to the same period last year, according to a report by the Central Statistical Authority.

Opec oil accounts for the bulk of Austrian energy requirements. Its share in the first three quarters of the year was 67 per cent.

The report said imports of solid fuels declined by 11.4 per cent over the same period, while that of natural gas, mostly from the Soviet Union, increased by 4.7 per cent.

Austria's trade with the 13 Opec countries represented only 2.2 per cent of its imports and 2.9 per cent of its exports. Austrian imports of commodities and services from Opec countries dropped by 5.2 per cent to \$677 million, compared with the same period a year earlier, while Austrian exports to the group reached \$739 million, a decline of 27.7 per cent, leaving a balance of more than 62 million in favour of Austria.

Third World countries increased their purchases from Austria by 14.2 per cent and Opec countries by 20.8 per cent.

Dutch to grant \$103m aid

THE HAGUE, Jan 16, (Reuters): The Netherlands has decided to grant a total of 205 million guilders (\$103 million) in special import aid to 11 countries, a spokesman for the Dutch Development Ministry said yesterday. The aid is aimed at giving foreign currency to countries that have made efforts to restructure their economies according to International Monetary Fund guidelines, but still suffer from a serious current accounts deficit, the spokesman said. Egypt, Ghana, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Senegal, Tanzania, Sri Lanka, Bolivia and Jamaica are each to receive grants of 10 to 30 million guilders (\$5 to 20 million) under the programme, spokesman Frans Naef said. All but four countries — Egypt, Bolivia, Sri Lanka, and Jamaica — have received similar grants in the past, he added. The Netherlands each year budgets about 5 billion guilders (\$2.7 billion), equal to 1.5 per cent of its net national income, for development aid.

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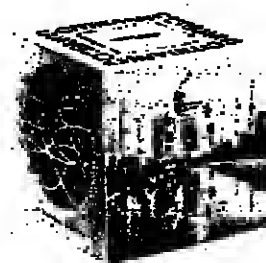
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Kuwait buys shares of major European firms

PARIS, Jan 16. (Kuna): Kuwait, one of the six members of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), pursued its foreign investment policy throughout 1987, setting up a petrol distribution network in Europe and buying shares into leading European companies, according to the 1987 economic and social survey released by "Le Monde".

The influential daily's annual report on world economy mentioned that Kuwait acquired 10 per cent of British Petroleum (BP) and that it became, at the end of November, the major shareholder of Spain's leading banking group, the Banco Central.

But Kuwait's goal in Spain is not only limited to being a mere shareholder in banking or industrial groups, it wants to set up the largest industrial conglomerate in that country, mainly in the petro-chemical sector, the report said.

Another major event in Kuwait in 1987 was the refloating of eleven tankers in July in order to protect those vessels from Iranian attacks, after leaving three Soviet tankers to carry Kuwaiti crude, it noted.

The tankers flying the American flag and escorted by US warships made it possible for Kuwait to export its crude in spite of Iranian attacks.

For the fiscal year 1987-1988, the report went on, Kuwait estimated its oil revenues at about \$6.13 billion.

The budget, approved last July, is up by 3.5 per cent compared to the previous one, but for the fifth consecutive year Kuwait is anticipating a deficit of some \$5 billion, according to the report.

In order to cover that deficit, Kuwait has issued, since the end of last year, treasury bonds so as not to have to draw from its reserves, which are estimated at \$86 billion by the National Bank of Kuwait and which, for the first time, are exceeding that of Saudi Arabia, it concluded.

Britain's inflation drops

LONDON, Jan 16. (UPD): Cheaper mortgages helped bring Britain's annual rate of inflation down to 3.7 per cent in December from 4.1 per cent in November—the lowest level for a year, figures from the Department of Employment showed yesterday.

The improvement was due almost entirely to the effect of mortgage rates being cut on Dec 1 by 1 per cent, a department spokesman said.

The department said December also saw lower prices for motor vehicles and petrol, but these were offset by dearer fresh foods.

Employment secretary Norman Fowler welcomed the news, saying "the prospects for the months to come are favourable."

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Sri Lanka Rupee	9.005
Philippine Peso	13.350
US Dollar	277.06
Swiss Franc	492.50
Thailand Baht	27.706
Yen	237.06
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Alshall stock price indices

Kuwait trade volume surges ahead

ALSHALL Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 40.84 points with a slight decrease of 0.78 points from last week's average.

Alshall Index for Gulf shareholding companies reached 48.84 points with a moderate decrease of 1.20 points for the same period.

Substantial
The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 20.27 million shares at a daily average of 4.05 million shares with a substantial increase of 80.0 per cent over the previous week daily average of 2.25 million shares. Gulf traded shares reached 12.20 million shares at a daily average of 2.44 million shares with a moderate decrease of 13.5 per cent from last week's daily average of 2.82 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD6.91 million while it was KD0.41 million for the Gulf traded shares. Despite the jump in the Kuwaiti traded shares (80.0 per cent) which is attributed to the decline in their prices, the market continued its weak performance for the second consecutive week. However, the weakness was more obvious in Gulf shares market than the Kuwaiti shares market.

The latter market affected by news and rumours spread here and there in regard to dividend distributions and/or the traders' expectations about the real financial performance of some companies for the year ended 31/12/1987, thus the week witnessed, as foretold, some changes in the relative importance of the traded sectors and the companies within those sectors.

Prevail
We anticipate that, such pattern, exchange of positions, to prevail for sometime until the balance sheets of the traded companies are published.

Kuwait shareholding companies index	Wednesday 13/01/88	Wednesday 06/1/88	Change points
Banking Sector			
Kuwait National Bank	95.00	93.15	1.84
The Gulf Bank	33.12	33.12	—
The Commercial Bank	23.95	23.52	0.44
Alahli Bank	36.52	35.56	0.96
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	25.43	26.31	-0.88
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	34.92	38.89	-3.97
Burgan Bank	27.75	27.25	0.50
Kuwait Finance House	68.23	66.22	2.01
Sector Index	43.64	43.38	0.25
Investment Sector			
Kuwait Investment Co.	36.22	40.32	-4.10
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	29.21	33.68	-4.47
Inv. Pearl Kuwait	88.89	88.89	—
IFA	82.35	88.24	-5.88
Commercial Facilities	98.86	100.00	-1.14
Sector Index	43.43	47.48	-4.05
Insurance Sector			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	40.23	43.49	-3.26
Gulf Insurance Co.	30.00	34.23	-4.23

Kuwait's influence on world energy developments praised

LONDON, Jan 16. (Kuna): Drawing on decades of internal political continuity, Kuwait has emerged as "an important regional political force, and a significant influence on world energy and financial developments," according to a respected specialised publication, here today.

Middle East Economic Digest (MEED) weekly magazine emphasised in its latest issue that the Arab Gulf country has "an acute sense of the balance of competing world forces."

"This has obliged Kuwait to play a role that belies its small population," MEED pointed out.

Stressed
Turning to last year's experiences, the weekly stressed that they had deepened the government's belief in its ability to deal effectively with the challenges facing the country.

Paying warm tribute to Kuwaiti policies, the magazine noted that "the result is a state better equipped and more willing to meet the demands of the future."

Significant
It pointed out that the Kuwaiti government "has addressed over the past 18 months some of the most sensitive issues facing both the country and the region."

MEED believed that 1987 was a remarkable period for Kuwait— "arguably the most significant

Alahleia Insurance Co.	48.73	48.73	—
Warba Insurance Co.	84.19	87.63	-3.44
Sector Index	41.30	44.30	-3.00
Real Estate Sector			
Kuwait Real Estate	35.68	35.68	—
United Realty	14.74	14.97	-0.22
National Real Estate	47.78	48.37	-0.59
Sector Index	25.69	25.94	-0.24
Industrial Sector			
Kuwait Cement Co.	16.91	19.77	-2.86
Kuwait Refractories Ind.	82.60	82.60	—
Gulf Cables	106.96	109.01	-2.06
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	78.22	80.00	-1.78
Sector Index	34.10	36.84	-2.54
Services Sector			
Kuwait Computer Co.	205.20	211.68	-6.48
Kuwait Cinema Co.	10.37	10.37	—
Public Warehousing Co.	88.89	94.95	-6.06
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	34.95	35.95	-1.00
Mobile Telephone Syst.	366.67	376.19	-9.52
Sector Index	69.13	71.58	-2.45
Food Sector			
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	51.87	51.87	—
United Fisheries	10.20	10.91	-0.71
Kuwait United Poultry	90.94	102.68	-11.73
Kuwait Food Co.	73.56	79.31	-5.75
Sector Index	45.49	48.01	-2.52
Overall Index	40.84	41.62	-0.78

Gulf shareholding companies index	Wednesday 13/1/88	Wednesday 06/1/88	Change points
Financial Companies			
First Gulf Bank	228.95	228.95	—
United Gulf Bank	34.48	34.48	—
Bahrain Internat. Bank	99.31	99.31	—
Bahrain M. East Bank	98.71	100.61	-1.90
Pearl Investment Co.	56.81	56.81	—
Gulf Investments	62.50	61.76	0.74
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	80.52	83.98	-3.46
Bahrain Kuwait Inv. Gro.	71.13	78.86	-7.73
Arabian Gen. Inv. (Shuaa)	62.12	63.64	-1.52
Sector Index	65.56	67.11	-1.54
Other Companies			
Gulf Cement (fully paid)	11.97	13.68	-1.71
Sharjah Cement	7.00	7.00	—
Fujairah Cement	9.21	9.21	—
Ajman Cement	10.00	10.00	—
RAK Cement	17.78	17.78	—
Gulf Medical Projects	16.55	17.11	-0.55
Poultry & Fodder R. Alkha	36.36	36.36	—
Sector Index	12.26	12.70	-0.44
Overall Index	48.84	50.04	-1.20

Turkey announces series of trade and budget measures

ISTANBUL, Jan 16. (Reuters): Turkey announced a series of trade and budget measures today to protect local industry, cut red tape and reduce the big government budget deficit.

"Everything will be free for importation... Turkey is now probably more advanced than many European nations," Prime Minister Turgut Ozal told textile manufacturers in Istanbul.

But, while the measures published in the official gazette were clearly part of Ozal's drive since 1983 to reform Turkey's tangled trade rules, some protectionism was apparent.

Restrictions on more than 75 classes of imports were lifted and only 33 items like guns or drugs will in future need permits.

But the net cost of many luxury imports will rise, the Anatolian news agency said.

Decree
A treasury and foreign trade undersecretariat decree published in the gazette said customs duties would drop for pharmaceutical products and chemicals not made in Turkey and no goods would be taxed at more than 50 per cent.

But the decree increased the levies paid on many luxury goods to special state farms industry and housing funds.

Categories affected included cosmetics, ready-to-wear clothing, shoes, porcelain, car bodywork, furs, chandeliers and other goods competing with Turkish factories.

The decree said the number of categories of goods charged the state fund levies would be increased from 577 to 783.

The Finance Ministry said 25

Oil prices mixed as traders debate Opec production

NEW YORK, Jan 16. (UPI): Oil prices fell on the New York Mercantile Exchange yesterday but rose by as much as 50 cents a barrel on other world markets as traders debated whether Opec has throttled back its excess oil production.

"There is a tug of war between those who believe Opec is cutting output and those who don't," said Sanford Margoshes, analyst at Shearson Lehman Brothers Inc. in New York. "I am in the believers' camp."

Slashed
Earlier this week Opec President Riiwanu Lukman told analysts in London that the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries had slashed its production to between 16 million and 16.5 million barrels a day to defend its \$18-a-barrel benchmark price.

In December the 13-nation organisation pumped about 18.6 million barrels a day, far above its official ceiling of 16.6 million barrels a day for the second half of 1987. Surplus Opec production drove down world oil prices by about \$3 a barrel between August and December.

Margoshes said he thinks Opec production now may be running about 16.5 million barrels a day. "If this is a sustainable output cut and it holds for a month or more, we're certainly going to see visibly higher prices," he said.

But skepticism over Opec production levels dominated the Merc, where West Texas Intermediate—the principal US crude for immediate delivery—lost 26 cents to \$16.95 a barrel.

For the West Texas Intermediate dropped 36 cents a barrel to volatile trading as traders weighed reports Opec leader Saudi Arabia was discounting its oil against Lukman's claim that the organisation had curbed production.

The decree said the measures aimed to help Turkish industry to compete, to reduce smuggling and to ease red tape. It said the proportion of imports needing licences would drop from 10 to 4.5 per cent.

Ozal, in his speech to textile manufacturers, implied that trade would be controlled by a continued devaluation of the lira. "The most important tool (trade) competition is undeniably a correct exchange rate policy. These policies will continue," he said.

World Bank loan to Ecuador

WASHINGTON, Jan 16. (Opecna): The World Bank will extend a \$60 million loan to Ecuador to co-finance an \$5.70 million housing development scheme.

Under the programme, a project of the Ecuadorian housing bank to be launched during the next five years, about 12,500 lots of land will be developed while around 15,000 home improvement loans are to be given out.

According to a World Bank statement, the loan, repayable in 17 years with a four-year grace period, carries a "near-to-market" interest rate.

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11	Gulf Liberty	Algh. Barber	4843988
13	Maersk Asiro	Behbehani	2412085
14	Belisland	Algh. Barber	4843988
16	Golden Bear	M. Bahar	2433881
16	Ogishima Maru	Al Bader	2433537
18	Al Quraish	Livestock	2434177

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT

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16/1	Norasia Arabia	Emad	4841807
16/1	Transgulf	Algh. Barber	4843988
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16/1	Sea Coral	Rashed	2423642
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19/1	Abu Basma	Rogor	2423642
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-NATIONAL BANK	1.030	1.020	1.020	1.020	140000	8
-GULF BANK	0.395	0.395	0.395	0.395	100000	7
-COMMERCIAL BK.	0.275	0.275	0.275	0.275	150000	10
-ABLI BANK	0.390	0.375	0.375	0.375	190000	3
-B.K.M.E	0.290	---	---	---	---	---
-K.R.E.B.	0.440	0.435	0.435	0.435	60000	3
-BURGAN BANK	0.280	0.275	0.275	0.275	10000	1
-K.F.HOUSE	0.510	0.500	0.500	0.500	80000	5
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
-KWT INV. CO.	0.212	---	---	---	---	---
-K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
-K.L.I.C.	0.170	---	---	---	---	---
-CON.FACILITIES	0.435	0.430	0.430	0.430	60000	2
-ANILAH INV.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-L.F.A.	0.112	---	---	---	---	---
-INV. PEARL KWT	0.112	0.108	0.110	0.108	120000	5
INSURANCE SECTOR						
-KWT INSURANCE	0.740	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF INSURANCE	0.390	0.380	0.380	0.380	10000	1
-ANILAH INS. CO.	0.610	---	---	---	---	---
-WARBA INS. CO.	0.490	---	---	---	---	---
REAL EST SECTOR						
-KWT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.280	---	---	---	---	---
-UNI R.E.S.T. CO.	0.132	0.128	0.130	0.128	400000	4
-NAT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.240	---	---	---	---	---
-SALIAN R.E.	0.070	---	---	---	---	---
-KWT PROJECTS	0.094	---	---	---	---	---
-KWT R.E.I.COM	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
-NAT IND. CO.	0.560	0.550	0.550	0.550	6890	1
-KWT M.P. IND.	0.295	---	---	---	---	---
-KWT CEMENT CO.	0.248	---	---	---	---	---
-REF. IND. CO.	0.395	---	---	---	---	---
-N.A.M.T.CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF CABLE	1.040	1.030	1.030	1.030	100000	7
-K.PH.IND. CO.	0.176	0.176	0.176	0.176	40000	2
-CONT.MARINE	0.350	---	---	---	---	---
-K.SN.REP.CO.	0.046	---	---	---	---	---
SERVICES SECTOR						
-OVERLAND TRANS	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.085	40000	2
-K.N.C. CO.	0.218	---	---	---	---	---
-KWT HOTELS CO.	0.168	---	---	---	---	---
-P.WAREHOUSING	0.176	---	---	---	---	---
-CON.MKT.CMPX.	0.017	0.017	0.017	0.017	240000	1
-MOBILE TELE.	0.390	0.385	0.385	0.385	10000	1
-KWT COMPUTER	0.190	---	---	---	---	---
FOOD SECTOR						
-LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.255	---	---	---	---	---
-UNITD FISHERIES	0.144	0.142	0.142	0.142	20000	1
-UNITD POULTRY	0.248	---	---	---	---	---
-KWT FOODS	0.320	---	---	---	---	---
-AGRI.FOOD PRD.	0.150	---	---	---	---	---
NON-KWT SECTOR						
-BHN.INTER.BK	0.072	---	---	---	---	---
-BNM.M.EAST.BK	0.052	---	---	---	---	---
-UNITD.GULF BK	0.050	---	---	---	---	---
-COAST INVEST.	0.093	0.093	0.094	0.093	840000	1
-A.G.INV.CORP	0.041	0.041	0.041	0.041	1520000	1
-FIRST.GULF BK	0.870	---	---	---	---	---
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Edberg and Wilander reach last 16



Edberg: to meet Stollenberg

MELBOURNE, Jan 16. (Reuters) Stefan Edberg and Mats Wilander led four Swedish seeds into the last 16 of the singles at the Australian Open tennis championships today.

Edberg, a former world junior champion, set up a clash with current world junior number one Jason Stoltenberg of Australia when he overcame American Dan Goldie in a tough 6-4-7-5-2-6-3 third round centre court showdown.

Drop
Second-seeded Edberg was given his biggest scare so far when he lost six straight games to drop the third set.

"I don't know what happened," said Edberg. "My game went right down and I didn't feel as if I was in the match for a while."

Edberg, winner of the last two Australian Opens, cruised through the first two sets but then lost the rhythm on his serve as Goldie turned up the heat.

It was not until the eighth game of the fourth set, when he broke after a five-deuce game, that Edberg regained control.

Ranked 330 in the world, Stoltenberg beat American Joey Rive

6-2 6-2 6-3 and immediately announced he was looking forward to playing Edberg.
"It will be a great experience," he said. "I have never played anyone ranked that high before and to get this far in a Grand Slam tournament is a bonus in itself."

I will go out against Stefan and just play my own game. There is no reason to change it."

Third-seeded Wilander had a much easier task than Edberg, beating compatriot Magnus Gustafsson, winning 6-1 6-4 6-1.

Anders Jarryd, the tournament's sixth seed, and 13th-seeded Catarina Lindqvist completed the quarter of Swedish winners.

Jarryd, attempting to fight his way back into the top 10 after overcoming a series of leg injuries, beat little known American Paul Chamberlin 7-5 6-1 6-2 and Lindqvist was far too strong for American Robin White, grinding out a 6-1 6-4 win.

World number one Steffi Graf and defending women's champion Hana Mandlikova also completed expected victories with West German unknown Carl-Uwe Steeb notching the only surprise.

Steeb, ranked 51 in the world, upset the eighth-seeded Slobodan Zivojinovic 6-4-7-5-2-6-1 6-3 despite the Yugoslav's 18 aces.

Graf had 100 many guns for American Cammy MacGregor, winning 6-1 6-2 in a methodical display that did not reach the heights of her second round annihilation of Australian Janine Thompson.

Results

Jason Stoltenberg (Australia) beat Joey Rive (US) 6-2 6-2 6-2. Lori McNeil (US) beat Jenny Byrne (Australia) 6-4 6-2. Radka Zrubakov (Czechoslovakia) beat Emiko Okagawa (Japan) 6-0 6-0. Pam Shriver (US) beat Nicole Jagerman (Netherlands) 6-3 6-2. Anne Minter (Australia) beat Carol Christian (US) 6-1 6-4. Anders Jarryd (Sweden) beat Paul Chamberlin (US) 7-5 6-1 6-2. Christian Szezanu (West Germany) beat Jerome Potier (France) 2-6 1-7 7-5. Steffi Graf (West Germany) beat Cammy MacGregor (US) 6-1 6-2. Catarina Lindqvist (Sweden) beat Robin White (US) 6-1 6-4. Claudia Kohde-Kilsch (West Germany) beat Melissa Brown (US) 6-0 6-1. Stefan Edberg (Sweden) beat Dan Goldie (US) 6-4 7-5 2-6 1-7 6-3. Carl-Uwe Steeb (West Germany) beat Slobodan Zivojinovic (Yugoslavia) 6-4 7-5 2-6 1-7 6-3. John Frawley (Australia) beat Jim Grabb (US) 6-3 6-2 6-7 (4-7) 6-4. Hana Mandlikova (Australia) beat Catherine Tanvier (France) 6-4 6-3. Andrei Chesnokov (Soviet Union) beat Mark Kratzmann (Australia) 7-5 7-6 (7-4) 6-2.

Kiwis qualify for World Series finals

BRISBANE, Australia, Jan 16. (Reuters) New Zealand, fined for slow play, beat Sri Lanka by four wickets with 11 balls to spare in the latest World Series Cup match today.

The result, revenge for a surprise defeat by the tournament's whipping boys in Hohart four days ago, guaranteed the New Zealanders a place in the finals with Australia.

The two play tomorrow in what now amounts to a dress rehearsal for the best-of-three finals.

Fined
Set 165 to win, New Zealand made 167 for six, Richard Hadlee notching the winning runs with a lofted on-drive.

New Zealand, however, were fined \$1,300 for bowling only 39 of the allotted 43 overs in the rain-shortened match.

Sent in to bat, Sri Lankan openers Brendon Kuruppu and Roshan Mahanama put on 52 for the first wicket before Mahanama was caught behind for 12.

Kuruppu went on to make top score of 47, but tight bowling by Hadlee and Ewen Chatfield generally kept Sri Lanka in check, although Kuruppu and Aravinda de Silva (25) did add a quickfire 43 in 29 minutes.

New Zealand started badly,

losing opener Ken Rutherford for one, but Martin Crowe, run out for 43, and Hadlee, with an unbeaten 21, steered them home.

Scoreboard

SRI LANKA innings
R. Kuruppu c Patel b Morrison 47
R. Mahanama c Blain b Chatfield 12
A. Gurusinghe run out 0
P.A. de Silva run out 25
A. Ranasinghe run out 25
R. Madugalle c Blain b Morrison 5
A. Samarasekera c Sreedren b Chatfield 18
R. Ratnayake not out 15
G. de Alwis c Rutherford b Chatfield 2
C. Labrooy not out 2
Extras (lb-9 nb-2 w-12) 23
Total (for eight wickets, 39 overs) 164
Fall of wickets: 1-52 2-54 3-97 4-103 5-111 6-139 7-142 8-148
Bowling: Hadlee 9-1-25-0, Morrison 6-0-39-2, Chatfield 9-2-27-3, Gillespie 8-0-30-0, Sreedren 7-0-25-0.
NEW ZEALAND innings
K. Rutherford b Labrooy 1
J. Wright c Ranasinghe b Ramanayake 22
A. Jones c de Alwis b Ranasinghe 29
M. Crowe run out 43
D. Patel c Ranasinghe b Ramanayake 1
T. Blain b Ranasinghe 17
R. Hadlee not out 21
M. Sreedren not out 15
Extras (lb-2 nb-5 w-10) 18
Total (for six wickets, 37.1 overs) 167
Fall of wickets: 1-1 2-43 3-78 4-99 5-122 6-139
Bowling: Ratnayake 7.1-0-40-0, Labrooy 8.1-32-1, Ramanayake 8-2-28-2, Samarasekera 3-0-18-0, Ranasinghe 8-0-35-2, P.A. de Silva 3-1-7-0.



Gatting wants to forget Pakistan umpire row

WELLINGTON, Jan 16. (Reuters) England cricket captain Mike Gatting today shrugged off a report by a Pakistani inquiry commission which called his behaviour in the second Test in Faisalabad unacceptable.

Gatting, recently arrived in New Zealand for the start of England's latest tour, said he wanted to forget the whole affair. "It doesn't surprise me what they said. It's all been done. Everyone's written up about it and everyone can have their own opinions," he said in a telephone interview from Christchurch.

"I've really got nothing to say about it—it's all been said as far as I'm concerned and I just want to forget about it."

The report, made public at a news conference in Lahore yesterday, also said that tour manager Peter Lush's criticisms of the umpiring after the first of the three Tests had raised tension.

Finished
Lush told a news conference shortly after the team arrived in Christchurch yesterday that he did not want the matter to go any further.

"As far as I'm concerned, and everybody else, the Pakistan tour is finished, dead and buried and all that occurred there," Lush said.

The report was compiled by a two-man inquiry commission appointed by the Pakistani cricket board. It criticised Pakistani umpire Shakoor Hana for becoming involved in slanging match with Gatting in the second Test but kept its harshest words for Gatting.

"Mr. Gatting's conduct, irrespective of the provocation, amounted to unacceptable behaviour and cannot be condoned. His conduct went beyond dissent and damaged the dignity and authority of the umpire," it said.

The quarrel came close to causing the cancellation of the Pakistan tour and has left a lot of bad feeling between the two countries' cricketing establishments.

Shakoor refused to continue until Gatting apologised and more than a day's play was lost before he obliged, under orders from England's Test and County Cricket Board.

Yesterday Lush confirmed that Gatting had received a letter of regret from Shakoor but it had not been made public because it did not amount to an apology.

The trouble began during the first Test in November in Lahore, won by Pakistan. A number of umpiring decisions were disputed bitterly by the England batsmen and in one incident opener Chris Broad refused to leave the field for a time after being given out.

Pre-planned
Lush reacted later to a comment from the Pakistani cricket board president Ghulam Safdar Butt, who said it appeared England's "moaning and groaning in Pakistan was pre-planned."

Lush said: "It's disappointing to see such a suggestion made... England teams just don't do that sort of thing."

"My understanding of the inquiry was that it was on the basis of a fully confidential report, the findings of which would not be made public without consultation with the Test and County Cricket Board."

"It was also understood that the report would have recommendations aimed at stopping future incidents with no attempt to apportion blame."

Arguments mark India-W. Indies series

MADRAS, India, Jan 16. (Reuters) Arguments over pitches, swearing and accusations of intimidatory bowling marked the four-match Test series between India and West Indies.

But it ended yesterday with a spectacular performance by 19-year-old spinner Narendra Hirwani, who took a record haul of 16 wickets on his Test debut, albeit on a highly suspect pitch.

Success
The 225-run victory was India's first success against the West Indies since 1979.

The series ended 1-1, a disappointment for the West Indian side after their poor World Cup showing last year.

Yet it had started well for the tourists. They won the first Test in New Delhi by five wickets, after skidding India out for 75—their lowest total in Tests between the two countries.

But this game, like many Tests on the Indian sub-continent con-

tained debatable umpiring decisions, with West Indies unhappy over the five lbw decisions given against them.

Disputes surfaced again after a rain-affected draw in the second Test in Bombay.

Fast bowlers Patrick Patterson and Courtney Walsh dismissed India for 173 in their second innings with liberal use of bouncers, and West Indies captain Viv Richards told reporters his pacemen were only answering Indian tactics.

"We play according to what we get. The guys retaliated a bit," Richards said.

Indian skipper Dilip Vengsarkar was upset about an Indian cricket board announcement that he might be fined or sacked for writing articles about Test matches while playing in them.

"I didn't expect these statements during the match—it does put pressure on our players," he said after the game.

The issue was shelved but not resolved by an injury to Vengsarkar which put him out of the final match.

Controversy continued in the drawn third Test in Calcutta, where both teams amassed over 500 runs on a placid pitch in their first innings.

India's Mohammad Azharuddin, who made 60, survived two confident appeals for his dismissal, leading to a bitter row between umpire Pilloo Reporter and Richards.

Appeal
An Indian official alleged that Richards used "filthy language" after the umpire rejected an appeal for a catch off the bowling of Walsh, and followed it with angry words when Reporter rejected an lbw appeal the very next ball.

But these incidents paled beside Hirwani's performance on a Madras pitch which West

Indies manager Jackie Hendricks described as "a disgrace, a minefield."

The climax of the controversy-racked tour was an astonishing piece of leg-break bowling by Hirwani on a pitch which brought a formal West Indies complaint.

Hirwani, from Indore in central India, became only the second bowler to claim 16 wickets on his Test debut, emulating the feat of Australia's Bob Massie against England at Lords in 1972. His figures of 16 for 136, marginally better than Massie's (16 for 137) shot him into the record books.

Hirwani, belying his inexperience, cleverly exploited a pitch where the ball turned virtually square, bagging eight wickets in each innings.

Only two men, England's Jim Laker and Sidney Barnes, have ever returned better match figures in a Test.

Pakistani Test players appeal to Imran

ISLAMABAD, Jan 16. (Reuters) Eight Pakistani Test players, including Javed Miandad and Abdul Qadir, have appealed to former cricket captain Imran Khan to come out of retirement.

The official APP news agency said late yesterday the eight issued a statement appealing to the ebarismatic all-rounder to lead his country on the forthcoming tour of the West Indies.

Imran, 25, bowed out of international cricket in November after the World Cup and has resisted increasingly desperate pleas from fans and officials to come out of retirement.

Wanted
Star batsman Miandad took over and was captain for the troubled England tour in November and December. But he then quit, saying he wanted to concentrate on his batting.

The eight players said Imran had moulded the side into a winning combination, winning Test series in England and against traditional rivals India. They called on him to help beat West Indies in their own backyard.

Apart from Miandad and spin-wizard Qadir, the other six were opening batsmen Rameez Raja and Mudassar Nazar, Salim Malik, Shoaib Mohammad, wicketkeeper Salim Yousuf and pace bowler Zakir Khan.

Shield cricket
SYDNEY, Jan 16. (Reuters) Second day close scores in Sheffield Shield cricket matches:

In Devonport: Tasmania 111, South Australia 358 for seven (D. Hookes 132, W. Phillips 85 D. Lillic 4-71).

In Perth: Queensland 303 (G. Ritchie 76, I. Botham 70, R. Kerr 59 P. Capes four for 87, T. Alderman four for 87) Western Australia 236 for five (G. Wood 61).

Cuba to stay away from Seoul Games

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Jan 16. (Reuters) Cuba said yesterday it would not compete in the Olympic Games in South Korea, as four more countries, including other Soviet allies Vietnam and Czechoslovakia, accepted invitations to attend.

Communist Cuba's stay-away decision was announced in Havana by the president of the Cuban Olympic Committee, Manuel Gonzalez Guerra.

Acceptance by Vietnam, Czechoslovakia, Madagascar and Tanzania for the 1988 Summer Olympic Games in Seoul was announced in Lausanne by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) yesterday.

Their decisions brought to a record 160 the number of nations which have confirmed they will attend the Games.

Johnson runs world 50-yard best

HAMILTON, Ontario, Jan 16. (Reuters) Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson powered his way to a world indoor best in the 50-yard dash last night, winning in 5.20 seconds at the Hamilton Spectator Indoor Games.

Johnson's time eclipsed the previous world record of 5.22 seconds, set on Jan 22, 1982 by American Stanley Floyd.

Johnson holds the world record over 100-metres outdoors at 9.83 seconds and also holds world indoor record holder over 50 metres, had a poor start and finished third in 5.87. Jamaica's Juliet Cuthbert was second in 5.84.

Canada's Julie Rochebeau won the women's 50-metre hurdles in 6.84 over compatriot Karen Nelson who turned in a 6.89 clocking. American Kim Turner-McKenzie was third in 7.04.

"I'm very surprised I ran that fast," Johnson said with a giggle. "I've been doing a lot of travelling the past six, seven weeks. I'm very pleased with my time."

"Things are coming into place right now. This is my first race of the season," he added. "To break a world record, it looks good for the summer."

In the men's 50-metre hurdles, Mark McKoy of Canada finished the event in 6.52, the same time as American Roger Kingdom but Kingdom was given first place by virtue of a photo finish. American Tomie Campbell was third in 6.57.

Billy Olson of the United States won the pole vault with a leap of 5.60 metres in front of 11,114 spectators.

Matt Ottey of Canada won the men's high jump with a leap of 2.28 metres. American Jimmy Howard was second.

Romania's Doina Melinta, the 1984 Olympic champion over 800 metres and silver medalist over 1,500, captured the women's 1,500 in a hand-timed 4:18.6. American Alisa Harvey was second in 4:19.8 and Canadian Debbie Bowker, who gave up the lead with two laps remaining, was third in 4:20.4.

Kuwait car rally intended as ultimate test of driver

By Gail Seery

FRIDAY'S Kuwait car rally was intended primarily as a test of driving skill and ability, and not as a car breaker. Two stages were chosen to be run in both directions, offering drivers four different routes, within a compact area. Clerk of the Course Wael Khoury said that he had gone round the route refining it, so that the ultimate test would be to the driver and not to the car.

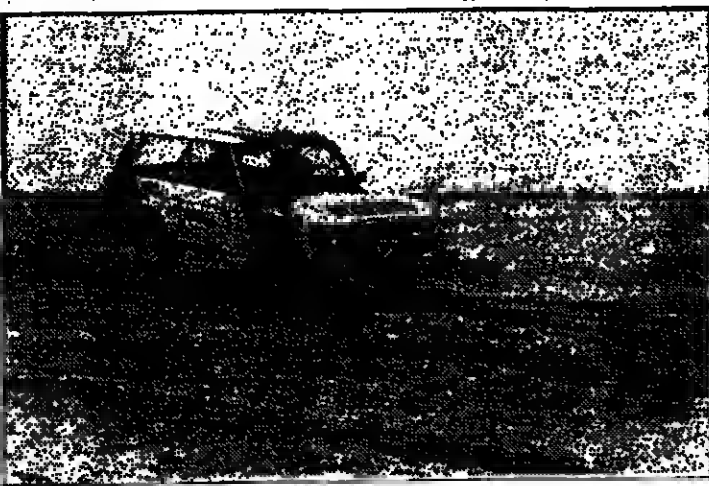
Although some 26 drivers completed the first stage out of the 29 who set out, not one car was damaged beyond repair in the course of the rally.

Controls

The first stage ran through the quarry area at Maqwa, and started out very twisty and narrow; later the stage opened out and was bumpy and fast with some nasty hairpins. On this stage there were around 9 to 10 passage controls, as the organisers had made it clear that there would be a clampdown on cheating. To this end, they are still examining some times which look surprisingly fast.

The stage had to be covered three times in a clockwise direction, and then twice in a reverse order. By the third time through, the sand was getting very cut up in places with ridges of about 1/2 metre in places on the track, cut by the rally cars. From the comparative safety of the 4wd Pajero, we were surprised that any of the near standard saloon cars were getting through at all.

The situation was no better on the other stage. This was 16km

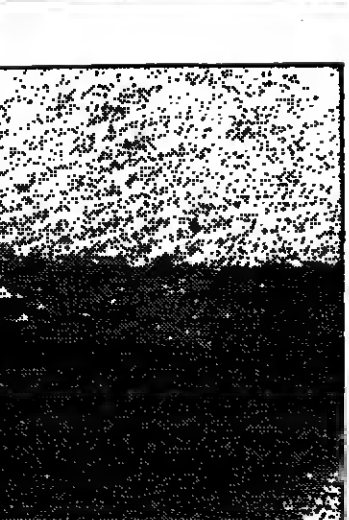


Tareq Al Wazzan: on Stage 2



Eid Fahah: makes a landing

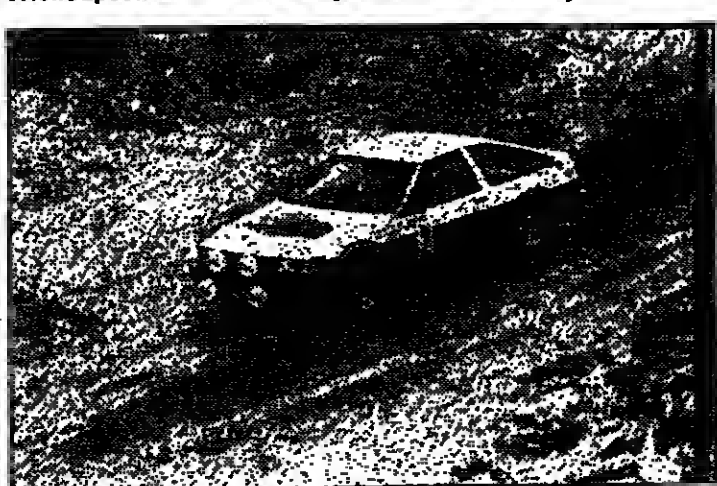
long, and though very fast in places, also contained tight bends and hairpins and areas of soft sand, which again was



ploughed into ridges by the rally vehicles. Both stages took their toll, presenting drivers with pun-



A lone spectator finds the best place to watch the rally.



Ahmed Al Hilal: on way to victory

tures, and broken steering, as well as boot in flames and gearbox problems. Shock absorbers were in great demand, as car sus-



pensions were stretched to the limit. Stage one was 10.5 km in length, and the fastest times were in

the region of 7 minutes. When the stage was covered in reverse, the times were generally a little longer. On the 16km stage 2, the fastest times were between 9 and a half and ten minutes.

A good number of spectators journeyed into the desert to watch along with those already camping there. The motorsports division was also well supported by helpers willing to stand in the freezing cold and at times, rain.

These marshalls are the unsung heroes of the rallies, and without them an event could not take place. Everyone was cheerful and friendly, and performed their tasks efficiently and capably. They were under the control of Jack Lubbat as Chief Marshall. Again, the times were produced on computer for the first time, and though there were delays, it has to be said that a much fuller set of results has now been produced.

For a first rally for the new committee, Friday's rally was very well organised, and is hopefully, the start of still better things to come. Wael Khoury and his assistant Jim Goldsworthy should be congratulated.

Points in Kuwait Drivers Championship after 1 round

1. Ahmed Al Hilal 24 points
2. Tareq Al Wazzan 19 points
3. Faez Chihab 16 points
4. Ahmed Al Nasser 14 points
5. Tareq Alyan 13 points

Points in Kuwait Co-Drivers Championship after 1 round

1. Fahad Al Rashed 24 points
2. Khaled Khalifa 19 points
3. Hanan Al Shanteer 16 points
4. A. Al Khamis 14 points
5. Khaloud Alyan 13 points.

Pakistanis rout Soviets for hockey crown

LUCKNOW, India, Jan 16. (Reuters) Olympic champions Pakistan beat the Soviet Union 3-0 to win the Indira Gandhi Hockey Gold Cup today.

It was Pakistan's first major triumph since the Olympics and the young side served a warning they will be a major force at the Seoul Olympics.


After early Soviet pressure, Pakistan took the lead in the 12th minute, Zahid Sharif shooting home after intercepting a pass.

Shahbaz Ahmad made it 2-0 in the 26th minute when he scooped home from the top of the circle after collecting a pass from Zahid.

Pakistan, who lost in the 1986 Asian Games final to South Korea, resumed their attack in the second half but could only score once, in the 60th minute when Waseem Feroz dribbled past two Russian defenders to seal the match.


In the third place playoff, South Korea beat New Zealand 3-2 after trailing 1-0 at half-time.

India finished fifth, ahead of Malaysia, Kenya and Spain.



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Quezon City improve position

QUEZON CITY were awarded maximum points in their game against Navotas when their opponents failed to turn up at the First Non-Pro Filipino Bowling League game on Thursday the Club 300.

With these four points, Quezon City improved their position in the standings and moved up to 10th place.

In the meantime, Edwin Nepomuceno of the Valenzuela team took the honours in the Men's High Game with a score of 217 pinfalls. In the Men's High Game, Bob Peek of Manila scored a total of 584 pinfalls to clinch the top place.

Gloria Estandarte of Pasay City rolled 204 pinfalls to set a new mark in the Women's High Game, breaking the old record of 201. She became the second woman bowler to join the 200 Club.

Baby Militante of Mandaluyong captured the Women's High Series with a score of 496. Tony Lason of Pasay City and Roger Sahado of Calocan City took the Men's High Average games with scores of 179 and 177 respectively. In the Women's High Average, Gloria Estandarte and Tante Arizabal of Manila came out on top with scores of 164 and 158 respectively.

In the other games held this week, Manila downed Paranaque 4-0. Pasay City crushed Malabon 4-0. Calocan City beat Marikina 3-1. Pasig defeated Valenzuela 3-1 and Mandaluyong thrashed Makati-GMBH 4-0.

Calocan retained the lead in the standings with an average of 823. Manila are second, Pasay City third, Pasig fourth, Las Pinas fifth and Mandaluyong sixth.

NBA games
NEW YORK, Jan 16 (Reuters): Results of National Basketball Association (NBA) games played yesterday (only games scheduled):

Philadelphia	119	New York	104
Boston	122	Sacramento	86
Detroit	97	Cleveland	93
Indiana	112	San Antonio	108
Seattle	124	Utah	105
Golden State	123	Clippers	116

ALDRIDGE AND BEARDSLEY SCORE FOR LEADERS

Liverpool stretch unbeaten run to 23

LONDON, Jan 16, (Reuters): John Aldridge, the man Liverpool signed to replace Ian Rush, scored his 20th goal of the season in a 2-0 win against Arsenal today as the English First Division leaders stretched their unbeaten run to 23 games.

And while Rush continues to struggle in Italy, Aldridge, who cost £850,000 (\$1.5 million) from Oxford, maintained his excellent scoring record with a 45th minute goal seen by a television audience of 250 million in 55 countries.

Best
Although Aldridge received the acclaim of the crowd, Steve McMahon — the best uncapped player in England — was the architect behind the move when he controlled an awkward ball on the right touchline and evaded a sliding tackle in one motion.

McMahon then released England forward Peter Beardsley with a perfectly-weighted chipped pass and although Arsenal goalkeeper John Lukic saved his singing drive, Aldridge was handily placed to turn the ball into the net.

Beardsley later put his name on the scoreline with a superb solo goal on the hour when he picked up a loose ball 10 metres outside the Arsenal penalty area.

twisted past two scything tackles and flicked an audacious chip over Lukic's head.

The result lifted Liverpool's points haul to 59, 15 more than second-placed Nottingham Forest and, with 17 games remaining, the odds are shortening on the champions-elect completing the 40-match programme unbeaten.

Forest dropped two points when they were held to a 2-2 draw at home by second bottom club Charlton. Robert Lee's and Andy Jones's late goals for the visitors cancelling out earlier efforts by Calvin Plummer and Neil Webb.

Everton, the 1987 champions, took advantage of Arsenal's defeat — and Manchester United's undistinguished 2-0 home loss to Southampton — to move into third place by virtue of an excellent 3-0 victory at Norwich.

Graeme Sharp scored twice and Adrian Heath notched the other but, despite their fine form of late, Everton must fast be losing all hope of making up the 16-point gap which separates them from Liverpool.

The feeling of doom and gloom Liverpool are spreading throughout the ranks of their rivals will be particularly intense.



Aldridge: 20th goal
sive in the magnificent oak-panelled manager's room at Old Trafford where Alex Ferguson is under mounting pressure.

Goals from Southampton striker Colin Clarke in the sixth and 74th minutes sent Manchester United tumbling to defeat and a team which can boast the combined talents of Jesper Olsen, Bryan Robson, Norman Whiteside and Gordon Strachan now lie a distant 17 points adrift of Liverpool.

Results
English Division One
Liverpool 2 Arsenal 0

Luton	1	Derby	0
Manchester U	0	Southampton	2
Norwich	0	Everton	3
Notts Forest	2	Charlton	2
Portsmouth	2	Oxford	2
QPR	0	West Ham	1
Sheffield Wed	3	Chelsea	0
Tottenham	2	Coventry	2
Wimbledon	1	Watford	2

Aldershot	0	Bury	2
Blackpool	0	Brentford	1
Bristol City	2	Notts County	1
Cheshster	0	Doncaster	2
Fulham	1	Sheff Wed	1
Grimsby	2	Chester	1
Northampton	2	Bristol R.	1
Rotherham	2	Preston	2
Sunderland	1	Brighton	0
Wigan	3	Walsall	1
York	0	Gillingham	2
English Division Two			
Bolton	1	Torquay	2
Cambridge	2	Burnley	0
Carlisle	0	Cardiff	0
Leyton O	1	Crews	1
Newport	1	Scunthorpe	1
Rochdale	0	Exter	0
Swansea	3	Donborough	1
Wolves	1	Stockport	1
Wynham	3	Peterborough	1

Scottish Premier Division			
Aberdeen	1	Dunfermline	0
Celtic	3	Hibernian	0
Dundee	0	Dundee U	2
Falkirk	3	St Mirren	0
Hearts	1	Rangers	1
Morton	0	Motherwell	2
Scottish Division One			
Dumbarton	0	Queen of S	2
Hamilton	1	East Fife	0
Kilmarnock	3	Clyde	1
Meadowbank	3	Clydebank	2
Partick	0	Forfar	1
Raith	2	Airdrie	2
Scottish Division Two			
Aberroath	2	Ayr	4
Brechin	3	E. Stirling	3
Cowdenbeath	1	Montrose	2
St Johnstone	2	Berwick	1
Stenhousemuir	0	Alloa	1
Stirling	2	Queen's Park	1
Stranraer	1	Albion	2
Standings			

English Division One							
	P	W	D	L	F	Apts	
Liverpool	23	18	5	0	57	11	59
Notts Forest	23	13	5	5	46	21	33
Sunderland	23	12	6	5	46	43	33
Arsenal	25	12	6	7	36	23	42
Manchester U.	24	11	9	4	36	24	42
Wimbledon	24	10	7	6	38	28	42
Sheff Wed	24	11	7	7	30	11	41
Luton	24	10	5	9	32	26	35
Sheff Wed	25	10	4	11	31	38	34
Tottenham	25	9	6	10	26	29	33
Coventry	25	9	6	10	26	30	33
West Ham	25	7	9	9	28	34	30
Chelsea	25	8	6	11	31	42	30
Newcastle	25	7	8	8	28	35	33
Derby	25	7	10	8	24	34	33
Portsmouth	25	5	10	10	24	42	25
Derby	23	6	6	10	20	28	24
Norwich	24	7	3	14	23	33	24
Sheff Utd	25	5	3	18	28	42	21
Walford	24	5	6	13	17	32	21
Charlton	24	4	8	12	23	36	20

ains lead

Range Rover, hot favourite, beats competitors set off on the 13,000-km race from Paris to the Senegalese capital of Dakar.

A guide aircraft was sent from Tessalit to assist many vehicles through a blinding series of high sand dunes. Tambay was one of only a handful of drivers to navigate the obstacle successfully.

The non-works Mitsubishi of Jean da Silva was second with Kenyan Gerard Miller third in a Range Rover.